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### OUR LITTLE TOWN

We like to live in a little town,

Where the trees meet across the street:

Where you wave your hand and say "Hello"

To everyone you meet.

We like to stand for a moment

Outside the grocery store,

And listen to the friendly gossip

Of the folks that live next door.

For life is interwoven

With the friends we learn to know,

And we hear their joys and sorrows

As we daily come and go.

So we like to live in a little town,

And care no more to roam;

For every house in a little town

Is more than a house — it's home.

# BLUFFS

**YESTERDAY**

**and**

**TODAY**

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# Centennial Program - July 10 & 11

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1971

11:00 A. M.	BIG PARADE (Cash & Trophy Prizes to be Awarded)
11:00 A. M.	BAR-B-Q PORK & CHICKEN ALL DAY FEED
1:00 P. M.	ANTIOCH MOUNTAIN MEN BALL & MUSKET SHOOT (Merton Pond Pasture East of Bluffs)
2:00-6:00 P. M.	GERMAN BAND ENTERTAINING DOWNTOWN
2:00-6:00 P. M.	BLUFFS CENTENNIAL HORSE SHOW (Valleyview Subdivision south part of Bluffs)
2:00 P. M.	Introduction on Stage at Lewis Park of Dignitaries
2:30 P. M.	PARADE TROPHIES AWARDED ON STAGE
3:00 P. M.	GLASGOW KITCHEN BAND
3:30 P. M.	CENTENNIAL DRESS CONTEST ON STAGE
4:30 P. M.	CHILDREN'S CONTESTS IN LEWIS PARK (Frog, Turtle, Pie Eating Contests)
6:00 P. M.	GREASED PIG CONTEST (Valleyview Subdivision)
7:00-8:30 P. M.	PAGEANT IN LEWIS PARK (Bluffs past history)
8:30 P. M.	LOCAL TALENT SHOW
9:00-12:00 P. M.	FREE TEEN DANCE at School Parking Lot
10:00 P. M.	BEARD CONTEST (Trophies & Judges)

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1971

11:00 A. M.	PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE IN LEWIS PARK
11:30 A. M.	LUNCH SERVED AT MEDICAL CENTER
1:00-3:00 P. M.	CLOWN BAND & ENTERTAINMENT LEWIS PARK
2:30-4:30 P. M.	CHILDREN'S CONTESTS AT SCHOOL GROUNDS (Bicycle, Tricycle, Potato, Three-Legged, Sack Races, Greased Pole, Jumping Rope, Baseball Throw, Broad Jump, Marble, Horse Shoe Pitching Contests)



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John Allen, Ray Schnitker, June Brackett, Verna Oakes  
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 for pictures, and are grateful to  
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 have allowed us the privilege of using their  
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 read this booklet, you will recognize  
 these people  
 and will patronize them  
 as the ones who have made  
 this publication  
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## BLUFFS BOOSTER DAY JUNE 13 AT CARDINAL BALLPARK



Sunday, July 13th dawned bright and sun-shiny, and nearly 300 citizens of Bluffs trekked to St. Louis to attend BLUFFS BOOSTER DAY" at the Cardinal ballpark. Although the Pittsburg Pirates defeated the Cardinals 8-4, the Bluffs fans had an outstanding day, as Mayor John Allen pitched the first three balls in a pre-game ceremony, to "Miss Centennial" Nancy Whorton, while Ray Schnitker, President of the Bluffs Civic Club and Manager of Bluffs Farmers Grain, served as catcher. A brief resume of Bluffs was flashed on the lighted recognition board, as Jack Buck, Cardinal announcer, read the script. and Bluffs was mentioned several times over the radio to thousands of listeners at different times during the afternoon. It was indeed, a day to long remember.





# 'Miss Centennial' Contestants and Escorts



Merle Traw and Joni Brockway



Dale Buhlig and daughter  
Cathy



Thomas Dickens and daughter,  
Violet  
FIRST RUNNER-UP



James Hendricks and daughter  
Sandra  
SECOND RUNNER-UP



Robert Hutton and sister Rita



William Nunes and daughter  
Paula



Neil Parker and daughter  
Suzanne



Francis Placke and daughter  
Marilyn



LeRoy Pond and daughter  
Leslie



Mr. and Mrs. Norris Whorton and daughter Nancy  
QUEEN



Gerald Schmitz and sister,  
Pamela

# Bluffs Centennial Queen - 1971



"MISS CENTENNIAL" NANCY WHORTON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Whorton of Bluffs  
Nancy was named "Miss Centennial" at the Ball held June 5, 1971

Centennial Ball photos by Joe Wood, Winchester

# 1871 BLUFFS, ILLINOIS 1971

How does one begin to write a complete history of Bluffs with so many unknowns? Undoubtedly, many of the events prior to 1871 would be of significant interest to the history of Bluffs.



Where there are now no Indians whatsoever, there once were Indians without number, game without limit, timber so dense sunlight barely filtered through. It is not known precisely how long ago the red man first came to this area, but the first record of man, comes with an ancient and unknown people who came to be known as the "Mound Builders" for great earth works of various kinds were constructed with intelligence and and by the combined labor of

a very large number of persons in this vicinity.

The next recognized tenants were called "Illinois Indians" which was a confederacy composed of five separate tribes called the Kaskaskias, Cahokias, Tamaroas, Peorias and Mitchigamies, and they ranged from north to south in this country, although it was never proved that they located a permanent type village in this area.

The Kickapoos, who were sometimes called Prairie Indians, finally occupied this portion of the State, and were the last Indians in possession of Scott County. These were the Indians with whom the first settlers here had to contend with, and at whose bloody hands they suffered many outrages. They had an implacable hatred of the Americans, which they retained after they had been compelled to cede their hunting grounds to the hated race. When they were removed from Scott County and Illinois they retained their animosity to such a degree that they -- or at least a portion of them -- went to Mexico to get out of the jurisdiction of the United States. Many artifacts concerning the Indian way of life have been found by souvenir hunters during the past years.

While the Indians were the actual occupants of Scott county, yet France claimed it and asserted sovereignty over it from June 14, 1671 to the time she yielded her claim to Great Britain by the Treaty of Paris, February 16, 1763. The English occupation of Illinois country continued from 1763 until General George Rogers Clark, with his brave little army of colonial forces took forcible possession of it in 1778, acting under a commission from Virginia, who then asserted claim to it and Scott County. On Dec. 23, 1783 the General Assembly of Virginia ceded this land to the general government, who in turn designated it as the State of Illinois on Feb. 3, 1809.

Various counties were then named by the existing governor and Scott County was, at times, a part of Madison County, Greene county, Morgan county, and finally on February 16, 1839 we came into our own, and became officially Scott County.

For about the next thirty or so years, settlers began to enter Scott county, seeking a place to make their homes. Many tales have been told regarding old-time families who

stayed and helped make our end of the county what it is to date, with decedents still living here.

John Piper, a far-seeing type settler, first entered a plat of land at the county seat on August 10, 1829, intending to build a town. This town was named "Deerfield" and has since disappeared from the tax books. It was laid out by John Piper and James B. Currey, and contained 150 lots, 75 feet wide and 150 feet long. Numerous streets and alleys and a public square. Elk street and Buck street, running the long way of the town, were each 100 feet wide. Other streets were 66 feet wide. It was located on land lying immediately north and northwest of the present village of Bluffs, and possibly may cover a portion of the same land. It was out of existence long before the village of Bluffs was thought of, and the latter is not in any sense the successor, or outgrowth of the former.

Bluffs, which in the plat was named "Bluff City," was laid out by Henry Oakes. It was surveyed and the plat was made by W. W. Chapman, deputy county surveyor, June 24, 1871. This plat and the accompanying deed dedicating the streets to the public for highways, and the surveyor's explanation, were recorded on page 188, 189 and 190 of Book R of Deeds in Scott County, July 13, 1871. Sometime later, we can not state when, the name of the place became Bluffs, by which name it appears in the official Postal Guide. The name had been changed before January 10, 1884, on which day the first addition was made thereto, by the name of Bluffs.

The original plat of Bluffs, Illinois, contains sixty-eight numbered lots and two lots designated, respectively as A and B. These lots are fifty feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet long, except Lots 33, 34, 35, 36 and A and B, which are irregular in shape and of different sizes. This original plat is situated on the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section fifteen in Township Fifteen Range Thirteen, which was entered by John Piper, August 10, 1829.

The first addition to Bluffs was made by Charles Oakes, January 10, 1884. It was surveyed and platted by C. B. Lewis, surveyor and civil engineer. It is situated adjacent to and on the East side of the original town, and contains sixty-one numbered lots, and two lots not numbered. One of these was marked "D. Richards," and was the ground on which the Richards Hotel stood. The other lies immediately South of it and is marked "Meehan's lot" on the plat. Full lots are the same size of the lots in the original town. Lots 12, 13, 14, 27, 28, 32, 56, 57 and the two unnumbered lots are irregular in shape and of odd sizes. The record of this addition can be found on page twenty-four of Miscellaneous Records A.

The second addition to Bluffs was made by Charles Oakes Nov. 12, 1889. The surveying and platting were done by the same C. B. Lewis who did the first addition. It contains thirty-six lots, each fifty feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet long. There is nothing about the plat or the surveyor's explanation, from which anyone can tell where this addition is situated. The plat is recorded on page 130 of Miscellaneous Record A.



# Founder of Bluffs



**HENRY OAKES, SR.**

September 3, 1848 - December 30, 1920



**EMELINE RICHARDSON OAKES**

November 14, 1848 - October 26, 1886

Henry Oakes, Sr. was born September 3, 1848 on a farm situated where Bluffs now stands, the son of Henry and Mary (Green) Oakes. His father was born in Scioto county, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1817, and early in life came west and settled in the present Bluffs neighborhood and there married Miss Mary Green. She was a native of England and was born March 14, 1826. They were the parents of six children, of which Bluffs' founder, Henry Oakes, Sr., was the third child.

Our founder was educated in the neighborhood where he was born and raised, and on Sept. 28, 1870, was married to Miss Emeline Richardson, who lived at the Point near Jacksonville. To this union three children were born: Henry Oakes, Jr. (Oct. 15, 1873), Estella Castle (Jan. 10, 1876), and Royal Oakes (Oct. 24, 1881). Mrs. Oakes passed away Oct. 26, 1886. Mr. Oakes was married to Miss Mary E. Thompson Dec. 28, 1887, and to this union was born - Emeline (Oct. 11, 1889) and Helen (Nov. 20, 1899).

In the spring of 1871 Mr. Oakes laid out the town of Bluffs, and later platted an addition to the original tract. In 1881, in company with his brother, Charles Oakes, he embarked in the grain business, under the firm name of H. & C. Oakes. They had their principal office in Bluffs, and a branch office at Riggston, Illinois. Aside from his interests in the grain business, he was a farmer and stock feeder.

Mr. Oakes was highly respected as one of Bluffs' leading citizens and a true Democrat, and was noted as being depended upon at all times to stand manfully by the town of his creation. He had faith in the future of the town at the time he set apart the twenty acres of his farm for town purposes, and its growth and development has fully justified that faith.

The third addition to Bluffs was also made by C. Oakes. It was surveyed and plat made by James M. Brown, county surveyor of Scott County, on March 23, 1892. This addition contains 56 lots and is situated on a part of the East half of the North-west quarter of said Section 15, immediately South of and adjacent to the second addition. These lots are 50 feet wide and 150 feet long, except lots 8, 9, 19, 20, 40, 41 and 45, which are not rectangular and are various sizes. The fact the Norfolk & Western Railroad runs diagonally through Bluffs and the first and third additions thereto accounts for the fact that some of the lots are not regular in shape and size.

Although Bluffs is the second town in population and in volume of business in Scott County, nevertheless, it enjoys the distinction of being the youngest in years. The first town laid out in Scott County was Exeter (June 18, 1825), with the following towns and dates thereafter:

Columbus - July 12, 1825	Williamsport - Aug. 1, 1825
Naples - Aug. 8, 1825	Winchester - March 19, 1830
Manchester - Nov. 1, 1831	Geneva - Feb. 11, 1832
Morgantown - July 27, 1835	Bridgeport - Apr. 2, 1836
Glasgow - June 22, 1836	Jefferson - Aug. 2, 1836
Bloomfield - Sept. 14, 1836	Oxville - Mar. 25, 1837
Deerfield - May 6, 1837	City of Brussels - July 15, 1837
New Albany - Apr. 2, 1838	Merritt - Mar. 22, 1870
Alsey - Sept. 1870	Riggston - Feb. 2, 1871
Bluffs - June 24, 1871	

Bluffs may be the youngest town in Scott county, but its history furnishes unquestioned evidence of business enterprise and determination on the part of those citizens who helped to build it up and make it the second town and the hub of things in the Northwest part of the county. Henry Oakes, proprietor of the original town and Charles Oakes, proprietor of the three additions thereto, are sons of Henry Oakes, Sr., who lived a long time and died where his son Henry lived. The 80 acres of land on which the original homestead stood was entered in two parcels. Cephas Simmons entered the North forty of it Jan. 6, 1836, and Stanton Merris entered the South forty July 7, 1836.

Other early settlers deserve recognition with its early history. Among these was David VanGundy, father of 'Squire Adam VanGundy and progenitor of the VanGundy family. He entered 80 acres on Sept. 10, 1831, and on this site he built a home and a mill, which was a useful thing in those days. It was propelled by water furnished by the stream which comes down from Neeleyville - one branch of Wolf Run Creek. Across this stream, quite a distance above the mill, a dam was constructed which collected the water and preserved a supply to furnish the motive power for the mill.

Benjamin Green, on May 27, 1833, entered 80 acres of land. Here Mr. Green lived and prospered many years and reared a family. He was the father of the late John W. Green and grandfather of William H. Green, Benjamin Green, Harvey Green and grandfather of Henry and Charles Oakes.

On May 24, 1831, Jacob Bradbury entered the 80 acres on which Stonewall Sawyers and his father, Jackson Sawyers resided for about 50 years.

On May 26, 1840, John Atchinson Jr., entered 80 acres on which the late Judge John Green long lived and upon which he ended his days.

There was also land entered by Daniel M. Piper, Nancy M. Heath, James B. Curry, Jesse McKee, Debora Bloyd and Samuel L. Osborn in the early 1800's.

Bluffs was organized as a town, Dec. 17, 1883. The first board of officers elected was Adam VanGundy, president; James Linkins, clerk; Charles Oakes, John H. Pieper, J. E. Arundel, W. C. Pine and W. C. Carver, trustees; Henry Oakes, treasurer.

April 15, 1884, the election of officers resulted in the choice of Charles Oakes, president; James Linkins, clerk; J. H. Pieper, Daniel Finley, Jas. N. Shore, J. H. Carver, A. Brady, trustees.

1885 - Chas. Oakes, president; J. H. Carver, J. H. Pieper, Daniel Finley, J. N. Shore, A. Bradley, Trustees; C. T. Chance, Clerk.

1886 - President, Chas. Oakes; trustees, W. C. Carver, Wm. McCullom, Geo. W. Gilliland, J. H. Carver, Daniel Finley; C. T. Chance, clerk.

1887 - President, Daniel Finley; trustees, Wm. McCullum, Chas. Doyle, J. N. Shore, W. C. Carver, David Richards; clerk, H. A. Bruno.

1888 - President, J. C. Lewis; trustees, C. J. Doyle, J. N. Shore, Henry Oakes, James Hale, J. D. Rodgers, Jas. Wolford; clerk, A. L. Garrison. During this municipal year, Jan. 15, 1889, most of the ordinances of the village were adopted.

1889 - President, Alfred Bloyd; trustees, J. D. Rodgers, James Hale, J. M. Wolford, J. N. Shore, Henry Oakes, Jasper Sawyers; clerk, C. T. Chance.

1890 - President, Henry Oakes; trustees, Thos. O'Brien, J. E. Arundel, W. C. Carver, Pat Quinlan, J. M. Wolford, Jasper Sawyers; clerk, W. H. Brady, but he did not serve, and on May 21, W. McCullum filed bond as clerk and served.

1891 - President, John Meehan; trustees, Wesley Sullens, E. A. Cleveland, John Northcutt, Wm. H. Garrison, J. E. Arundel, Pat Quinlan; clerk D. E. Little.

1892 - President, S. F. Shore; trustees, John Northcutt, J. W. Sullens, Geo. Thom, James Hale, A. F. Masterson, H. H. Crews; clerk, S. W. Rodgers.

1893 - President, Chas. F. Tonn; trustees, Alfred Bloyd, J. N. Shore, Geo. Thom, Chas. Bloyd, A. Masterson, Wm. Fuss; clerk, Wm. McCullum.

1894 - President, Henry Oakes; trustees, A. Bloyd, Chas. Bloyd, Wm. Fuss, Wm. H. Green, Monroe Taylor, J. N. Shore; clerk, Wm. Griggs. License granted to three saloons, pool rooms, etc.

On Nov. 13, 1883, an election was held in Bluffs to pass on the question of incorporating under the general law, election resulting in 56 votes on the question - 46 for and 10 against. The result of this election was sanctioned by, and went through all the necessary forms of law before County Judge James Callans, on Nov. 15, 1883, but was never spread on the books of record of the village of Bluffs until July 1894, when Wm. Griggs was clerk. Why this was never done until Griggs' administration as village clerk was never known.

1895 - President, D. E. Little; trustees, Wm. Fuss, Wm. Green, Monroe Taylor, H. H. Crews, Henry Knoepfel, Wm. B. Smith; clerk, Wm. Griggs. This administration marked the era of "battle royal" against boot-leggers, which continued for some time.

1896 - President, Chas. Oakes; trustees, H. H. Crews, Henry Knoepfel, Wm. B. Smith, J. C. Lewis, John M. Davis, Wm. Griggs; clerk, Chas. R. Hale. Under this administration no liquors were sold except under druggist's permit, but a club room was incorporated and did a thriving

# CONGRATULATIONS



## BLUFFS

on your

100th anniversary

You were 41 years old when CIPS began providing electric service here. That was in 1912. The Boston Red Sox took the pennant and the world series, China became a republic and the Titanic sank, after colliding with an iceberg. William Howard Taft was president, Charles S. Deneen was Governor of Illinois and *Worth* won the Kentucky Derby in the 38th run for the roses.

In 1912, the average annual use of electric service by a Bluffs home was 179 kilowatt hours. Today, the average is more than 35 times as much.

While the use of electricity in Bluffs continues to increase year after year, the unit cost has been going down. In fact, the average cost per kilowatt hour of electricity today is lower than ever.

To meet the growing requirement for electric service... now and in the future... we at CIPS are constantly planning ahead so that ample power will always be available to the homes, businesses and industries in Bluffs and the other communities we serve.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

ing business until it was conclusively proven that it was nothing more nor less than a saloon - on a "sly or dark order" and it was closed by the board of trustees.

1897 - President, Chas. Oakes; trustees; J. C. Lewis, John Davis, James Campbell, D. E. Little, Wm. Griggs, Wm. Smith; clerk, Chas. Hale. The subject of electric lights was agitated, but "we are still in the dark".

1898 - this was a straight license and anti-license fight. President, John Knoepfel; trustees, D. E. Little, James Campbell, Wm. Smith, Wm. McCullum, Jas. Wolford, H. D. Kilpatrick; clerk, Chas. Hale; police magistrate, F. C. Shore. Under this administration the board levied a tax of \$1600, a little over half of which was used for laying sewer pipe and drain tile. This was the beginning of a period of improvement in Bluffs. That year the town was drained and several blocks of gravel street put in where always before it had been mud holes and pools of stagnant water, but are now dry and hard roads. A franchise was granted to the Central Union Telephone Co. to operate its line in Bluffs on May 1st of this year.

W. H. Green was new postmaster for the Village.

1899 - President, Chas. Tonn; trustees, H. D. Kilpatrick, Jas. Wolford, Wm. McCullum, J. E. Arundel, A. W. Baird, Wm. Smith; clerk, Geo. Thorn. A new bridge was built over Wolf Run and several blocks more of gravel streets put in. During this administration, curses were heaped upon the heads of the board for passing, and enforcing a long needed dog law, and did succeed in ridding the town of a pack of worthless curs that had always made life a burden both day and night for the whole population. The new "Citizens Ticket" had a stormy year. Sherman Edwards was appointed as city marshal. He was sworn in on Wednesday and on the following Friday he was a fugitive from justice with a band of the better class of citizens after him in hot pursuit. It had developed he was the head of a gang of thieves and burglars, who had been committing depredations in Bluffs and vicinity for several months.

At the beginning of the 1900's the following business houses were in operation:

J. C. Lewis, drugs & general merchandise  
W. H. Green, hardware, furniture, farm implements  
Doyle Grocery Co., general merchandise  
Burrus & Kilpatrick, farm implements  
Geo. Quintal, general merchandise  
A. W. Baird, general store  
W. J. Doyle, general store  
J. A. Hilderbrand, confectionery and restaurant  
F. G. Vannier, confectionery and restaurant  
G. A. Muehlhausen, bakery  
McCaleb & Kilpatrick, undertakers  
J. E. Korty, jeweler  
Bank of Bluffs, F. Linkins, cashier  
Wm. McCaleb, grain buyer  
Harry Oakes, farmer and stock buyer  
J. E. Arundel, livery and coal dealer  
W. G. Mueller, poultry and eggs, hides, furs, etc.  
Wallace Parker, poultry and eggs  
H. & C. Oakes, grain buyers  
H. B. Sargent, barber  
John Patent, shoemaker  
Robert Hart, meat market  
G. W. Northrup, blacksmith

R. T. Brackett, blacksmith  
Fred Shore, harness & blacksmith shop  
Henry Knoepfel, lumber yard  
Alfred Bloyd, grist mill and wood worker  
A. W. Paton, carpenter  
Edward Fuss, carpenter  
Thos. Meehan, proprietor Wabash Dining Hall  
Mrs. B. Richards, proprietress Brick Hotel  
Frank Shore, manager telephone exchange  
Physicians - J. F. Wilson, C. A. Evans  
Dentistry - G. W. Reese  
Attorney at Law - F. C. Funk  
Postmaster - W. H. Green  
Opera Houses - J. C. Lewis & Geo. Quintal  
Drayman - John Chapman  
Milkmen - I. Ranker & H. W. VanGundy  
Fire Insurance - F. Linds, E. D. Beird, J. L. Lewis, W. D. Masterson and A. W. Baird  
H. W. Summers, painter and paper hanger  
H. D. Killpatrick, auctioneer  
The Bluffs Bank - Geo. Graham, instructor  
Justices of the Peace - Adam VanGundy, W. D. Masterson, H. D. Killpatrick  
Constables - J. A. Hilderbrand, D. E. Little

Bluffs was headquarters for a number of railroad men who served the great Wabash system, and among them were: T. J. Magner, roadmaster; H. C. Finney, station agent; Dennis Driscoll, day operator; James Anderson, night operator; S. R. Clark, master mechanic; Wm. McCullum, car inspector; Thomas O'Brien, engineer switch engine; Wm. McLaughlin, fireman switch engine; Arthur Pyle, section foreman. Round House -- Uriah Sellers, machinist; Frank Miller, night foreman; John Baird, D. D. Wolford, William Borum, Charles Hinners, Wm. Vannier, Eugene Shore, employees.

The following comprised the list of railroad men running on the Keokuk branch of the Wabash out of Bluffs: Conductors - Geo. Heustes, Geo. Hough; Brakemen - O. A. Woodson, Edw. Tulley; Express messengers - Clarence Learned, J. E. Learned; Engineers - H. M. Fuson, Al Rulon, C. O. Pease; Firemen - D. L. Foote, A. W. Blethen, D. D. Ettinger.

1900 - President, Wm. McCullum; trustees, J. E. Arundel, A. W. Baird, Wm. Smith, J. C. Lewis, Chas. Hale, Dr. J. R. Walker; clerk, Victor Knoepfel; police magistrate, J. M. Davis.

1901 - President, E. D. Beird; trustees, J. C. Lewis, Dr. J. R. Walker, Chas. Hale, W. H. Green, J. A. Hilderbrand, Daniel Harvey; clerk, Victor Knoepfel. This was the year that will long be remembered by the bootleggers. The president of the board, E. D. Beird, backed by the trustees, went after the illicit joints in earnest. Prosecution after prosecution followed each other until the "Jointists" were glad to pay their fines and quit.

1902 - President, E. D. Beird; trustees, Wm. H. Green, Daniel Harvey, J. A. Hilderbrand, James Hale, Corley Ball, Chas. O. Pease; clerk, Wm. McCullum; police magistrate, H. O. Killpatrick. In the summer of 1902 Bluffs was able to put in some long needed improvements. Sidewalks were repaired, new walks were built and the first concrete walk was laid.



Election time rolled around in 1907 and Bluffs voted to go DRY for two years, after a year of "Saloon Rule" and a bankrupt treasury. President of the board was C. A. Evans, clerk was Harry Pyle, Police Magistrate - J. F. Adkins and trustees: Henry Knoepfel, Wm. McCummon, Charles Hale, Dan Harvey; and Bluffs High School had one lonely graduate that year - John J. O'Brien, who left the school with honors.

In June 1907 the first big fire in history of our village struck the W. H. Graham Elevator, with losses over \$15,000 and many of our brave volunteer firemen burned. Origin of the fire was unknown.

On July 5, 1907 Fred Shore opened a Harness House in the Village of Bluffs.

An advertisement in the Bluffs Weekly Times for the Graham and Co. Store, advertised sheet music for sale.

On July 26, 1907 J. B. Sawyer, owner of the Berger Stock, traded his Dry Goods, Groceries, notions, etc. stock to Wm. McCaleb for a farm near Clayton, Illinois. The store became known as Bluffs Cash Store.

On August 2, 1907, Senator Thomas Meehan announced his plans to build a park in an area at the rear of his garden. He planned to have deer, a pair of buffalo, etc. and was soliciting support of the project.

County Superintendent for Scott County in 1907 was John C. Moore. Dr. C. A. Evans was physician and surgeon. H. D. Kilpatrick was undertaker and doing a very successful business.

Lots in the McCaleb addition to Bluffs sold for \$30 cash down and the rest in small monthly payments. (No record of the actual amount of lots).

H. L. Wilbur of Macomb, Illinois was hired as school Principal of Naples School and was moving to the city in the very near future.

On August 16, 1907 a train wreck occurred in the East end of the Bluffs yards. Engines 205 and 752 collided head-on. No injuries occurred. Engineers were Fred McMurray of Bluffs, and Henry Starks, formerly of Bluffs.

Officers for the Bank of Bluffs were John Knoepfel, President; Charles Oakes, Cashier, Charles Oakes, Vice-President. Directors were John Knoepfel, Charles Condit, Charles Oakes and Henry Knoepfel.

Bluffs again voted to remain "dry" for another two years. The Town Fathers fought a hard battle to retain a "dry" village.

C. E. Merris announced his candidacy for County Commissioner on September 13, 1907 on the Democratic party.

On September 27, 1907, the Bluffs Weekly Times office moved to new quarters in their building just completed. A brick one story 60 foot long building.

John Adkins announced he would open a new bakery in the village as soon as the building was completed.

In October of 1907 Thome and Hilderbrand opened a new Millinery Store in the building formerly occupied by the Bluffs Weekly Newspaper. The building was completely remodeled, with paint, paper, etc. for the new venture.

In October of 1907 another train wreck occurred at Neelyville. A freight train #97 met head on a passenger train #50 east of Neelyville. Several people were injured but no one was killed.

Scott County Commissioners were: Richard Vannier, James Rough and Charles E. Thady.

Reverend N. R. Johnson was installed as the new pastor of the Methodist Church in Bluffs.

W. H. Green, postmaster of Bluffs, received a letter from Washington, D. C. stating all mail matters received for one week, must be counted and classified as first, second, third or fourth class mail. He is really busy at this time.

Mrs. E. D. Beird attended the annual meeting in Peoria of the Grand Chapter, Eastern Star of Illinois. She represented the Bluffs Floy Chapter O. E. S., at the meeting.

C. E. Merris was successful in his bid for county commissioner. He defeated Dick N. Vannier for the position.

The Furniture, Hardware and Implement Company of W. W. Webster was purchased by S. S. Terril and business was to continue as usual.

On December 4, 1907 officers were elected for the Bluffs Lodge #846 A. M. and F. M. They were as follows: Dr. Canatsey, Worthy Patron, James B. Thompson, S. W. Fred McMurray, J. W., James Hamilton, Treasurer, F. C. Funk, Secretary.

Bluffs has a new elevator, the National Grain Company owned by J. M. Pine. T. E. Burrus was hired as manager for the elevator.

M. W. of A. Lodge of Bluffs elected officers as follows: F. C. Funk, V. C., L. S. Black, W. A., W. A. Thompson, E. B., C. R. Hale, Clerk, S. S. Castle, Escort, Harmon Johnson, Secretary.

In February of 1908 John W. Killam announced his candidacy for Circuit Clerk of Scott County on the Democratic party.

J. B. Thompson was appointed Deputy Assessor for Scott County to assist the Assessor E. N. Gillihan.

A new Lodge was formed in April of 1908 called the Modern Brotherhood of America. The President elected was Charles Cassell.

The Bluffs Masonic Lodge conferred Third Degree on John Baird and W. H. Henderson on April 18, 1908.

On Palm Sunday Reverend Swagmeyer confirmed the following at the Lutheran Church in Neelyville: Albert Aring, Carl Engelbrecht, George Meier, Dietrick Schone, Marie Schone, Emma Enke and Louise Meier.

Commencement was held at the high school with the following young ladies receiving degrees: Miss Clara Brockhouse, Miss Mabel Hodgins and Miss Leila Finney.

Jessie Carver who was famous for his contributions to Bluffs in the beginning of its history died in 1908. He was elected to the Village Board of Trustees in the second election ever held in Bluffs and also served as Police Magistrate for many years. He was born in 1820 and died in May of 1908.

The Bluffs Bakery was sold to Garret and Sheeran and they began operation immediately. They solicited the business of former patrons and also new ones.

A Businessmen's meeting was held to form a new club in Bluffs. The first officers of the Businessmen's Club were: President-E. D. Beird, Vice president, George Quintal, Secretary, F. C. Funk, and Treasurer, Victor Knoepfel. They stated the club would take their work of assisting the village very serious and invited any other interested Fathers of the Village to attend their next meeting and offer their services also.



HON. THOMAS MEEHAN.

One of the most well-known men of Bluffs, was the Honorable Thomas Meehan. He was of Irish parentage, his father and mother being born in Dublin, Ireland. Tom was born at Valley City, Pike county, Illinois, August 4, 1861. He was educated there, and for twenty-two years that little village was his home. During the years of his residence in Pike County, he was a farmer, but in 1883, April, he left the farm and came to Bluffs, where he made his home till his death. He first entered the general merchandising and real estate business, and became the proprietor of the Wabash railroad eating house.

In 1888 Mr. Meehan was united in marriage with Miss Lillian O'Brien. She is also of Irish parentage, her parents having been born in the city of Cork, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Meehan five children were born. They were: Mary Margaret, Helen Lillian, Frances Doocy, Leo Kenneth and Thomas Bernard Meehan.

Mr. Meehan, an uncompromising democrat, was elected as a member of the lower house of the Illinois legislature in 1898, and in 1900 was chosen for the senate. He remained a Senator for many years, serving for the real interests of his constituents as best he could.

In September 1903 Thomas Meehan was again a candidate for State Senator and the Wabash Railroad was selling tickets for an excursion to Springfield to take in the State Fair for \$1.00 per round trip.

You could buy good cotton blankets for 85¢ each, unbleached muslin sold for 5¢ per yard, dress gingham at 10¢ a yard, 36" taffeta silk \$1.00 per yard. In Bluffs you could buy coal from Berry and Brackett, pianos from George Graham, meat from Pine Bros., poultry from W. G. Mueller, groceries from W. J. Doyle, American fencing from W. H. Green, Bement steel ranges from Rockwood and Co., lumber from Hunter & Allen, dry goods of all kinds from G.A. Sisson, have an account at the Bank of Bluffs and buy caskets from McCaleb and Kilpatrick.

William Levy was serving as yardmaster for the Wabash in Bluffs, and the town was having trouble with sneak thieves who took the street lamps from their frames on the streets.

By February, 1904 bread had advanced in price to 5¢ a loaf because of advancing prices of flour. Senator Tom Meehan disposed of the Old Commercial Hotel to J. N. Taylor, son Clark and son-in-law Smith.

New houses were being built for F. Linkins, Eli Harshman, Alex Sears, H. B. Sargent, Dr. Reese, Henry Knoepfel, M. P. Parsonage, J. D. Huffman, J. E. Arundel, Horace Sappington, August Frohwitter, Dave Moss, a large store building with two store rooms for William McCaleb, large livery stable for Taylor & Smith and a restaurant by the Shore Bros.

In August, 1904 a new cigar factory opened in Bluffs, with F. J. Hodgins and James Merris as owners.

The local bank hit the pages of the "Chicago Banker" in September with the following piece: "The Bank of Bluffs is not a place where they give you a bluff when you call for money. You might think so if you did not know that the town of Bluffs is in Illinois and that the Bank of Bluffs paid 10 per cent to the stock holders last year besides transferring \$15,000 from surplus to capital. No bluff about that kind of banking even in an Illinois town."

In the spring of 1905 John Knoepfel was elected president of the village board, Wm. McCullom-Clerk, and trustees: Arthur Pyle, Dan H. Smith, G. M. Burrus and Geo. Sisson.

Arc lights appeared on the scene in our little town. Ten arc lights of 2,000 candle power to village for \$650 per year, via a contract supplied by Fred Brockhouse.

Installed as village officers in 1906 was Walter Arundel, William Seeman, Fred Brockhouse, John Henry as trustees and William Aldridge as clerk.

According to a population county of Bluffs completed by F. C. Funk of the School Board, the following figures:

Children under 21 - 356 (increase over last year - 50)  
Children of school age - 239 (increase over last year - 30)  
Population of district - 890 (increase over last year-100)  
No. males in District - 465  
No. females in District - 425  
Population of Village - 725  
No. males in Village - 378  
No. females in Village - 347

By 1907 the tax rate on property owners in Bluffs on \$100 was: Corporation tax \$1.36, School \$2.50, State 50¢ and County 75¢. Winchester paid \$5.39, Exeter \$4.91 and Naples (with no corporation tax) \$3.72.

A total of 257 divorces had been granted in Scott County from 1887 to 1906.

In February 1907 several newspapers carried announcements of an invention of a cotton chopper by a local man, William McCaleb. It was on display in several states and was manufactured in a plant built at St. Louis, Mo.



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Harvest time--1908.

Harry Pyle, owner and operator of the Restaurant and Confectionary in Bluffs sold his enterprise to S. Halpin who was to continue the business as usual.

Martin Friday announced he would open a Blacksmith Shop in the building East of the Bluffs Weekly Times Office in October, as soon as the building was completed. In the meanwhile, he was doing his work in the basement of the Bluffs Weekly Times Building.

The Floy Chapter O.E.S. of Bluffs elected the following to office: Worthy Matron--Emma Thompson, Worthy Patron, E. Canatsey, A.M. Edith Arundel, Secretary, Laura Hamilton, Treasurer, Mrs. Sally Carver, Conductress--Effie Burrus, Assistant Conductress Mrs. Bertha Hardin.

In January of 1909 John Knoepfel, prominent figure in Bluffs history received a one-half page obituary on the front Page of the Bluffs Weekly Times. He died December 25, 1908. The whole town mourned his passing.

The Royal Neighbors elected officers for the year of 1909. Oracil was Mrs. Elmer Wolford.

James Baren purchased the Grocery Store north of the Bluffs Park from B.L. Hough.

On May 7, 1909 the Town Board elected officers for the year. They were: E.D. Beird, President, H. Knoepfel, W. McCullom, D. Harvey, P.C. Burrus, J.J. Shaw and H.M. Fuson, Trustees, Clerk--G. Graham, Treasurer--E. Kendall.

On May 28, 1909 Peter Kesterson was struck by a train at the Naples crossing and taken to Passavant hospital in Jacksonville. He later died of injuries sustained. This was another of the misfortunes which occurred because of drink and the Village Fathers were more determined than ever to keep the village "dry" hoping to avoid such tragedy as befell Naples.

The population in Bluffs was 975 and the village was to get a Board of Education next year.

Early in October of 1909 Mr. A.J. Schroeder of Clayton, Illinois opened a new modern Drug Store in the west room of the McCaleb building, selling Drugs and Sundries.

Earl Wetzel was elected Clerk to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George Graham. A special elec-

tion was held on Tuesday of that week.

The W.J. Deppe Store in Bluffs was robbed during the night. Many articles were taken, the most valued were two guns.

In November of 1909 the Bluffs Masons Lodge #846 A.F. and A.M. celebrated their 13th birthday anniversary on Saturday. They were instituted November 13, 1896 with 13 charter members.

The Town Board met to discuss the possibility of more streetlighting for the Village. Presently the village is paying \$720.00 a year for street lights.

In December of 1909 the Bluffs Masons Lodge #846 elected the following officers for the 1910 year: James Thompson--W.M., Fred McMurray--S.W.; H.D. Kilpatrick--J.W.; James Hamilton--Treasurer and F.C. Funk, Secretary.

The Order of Eastern Stars--Floy Chapter elected the following officers: Laura Hamilton--W.M., H.D. Kilpatrick, W.P., Mrs. Lela Henderson, A.M., Louella Baird, Secretary, Sally Carver--Treasurer, Mary Burrus, Conductress, Mary Logan, A.C.

The Modern Woodmen of America elected officers in January 1910. They were headed by G. Burrus, A. Huntington and W.H. Thompson.

In February of 1910 the Wabash Dining Station owned by ex-Senator Thomas Meehan was sold to H.B. Sargeant (formerly a barber for 15 years.)

George Graham organized a band for Bluffs which began with 14 instruments.

In March of 1910 Fred Barrett opened a new Barber Shop in Bluffs at the east end of the Lewis Building.

Laying of the new water mains in Bluffs was scheduled to begin soon.

In April of 1910 Bluffs citizens voted a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a new school building. 118 voted yes, 81 voted no.

In May of 1910 the 13th annual commencement exercises were held for Bluffs High School at the Lewis Opera House.

In June another election was held concerning the \$20,000 bond issue for a new school. The first election was declared invalid. In the second election the bond issue was defeated by ten votes, 131-No, 121-Yes. There will be no new school for Bluffs pupils.

On July 19, 1910 the Funk Building was set on fire by fire bugs. J. A. Brady and Co. ran the general store, and a big investigation was held, testimony given but nothing proved.

In September, 1910 English Services were introduced at the Neelyville Lutheran Church and hereafter would be heard on the first and third Sundays each month.

During this time Bluffs was again without a bakery - this making the forty-eleventh time someone has tried to conduct a bakery in Bluffs and failed.

On a Saturday evening October 22, 1910 Miss Emma Krusa and her school students entertained at a box social at the Ridge school south of town for the public and patrons. There was music and a good time for all. Girls were requested to bring their boxes and the boys their pocket books and find an enjoyable evening. Hay rides, threshing partys, box socials, etc., were the height of fashion around this time, and were largely attended.

In Nov. 1910, Fire damaged the Halpin restaurant owned by J. E. Arundel. Croney Mills attended Boys State Fair School and reported his visit there with 120 other youths; A coal car went off the end of the coal chute and broke in the middle crushing freight piled under the end and Andy Meyers gave the Naples Ladies Aid all the corn they could husk and put on one wagon. The corn brought \$23.40. Fred Brockhouse was setting poles for electric light extension in Bluffs.

Scott County officials salaries were: Clerk \$1,200 and \$500 for deputy; Circuit Clerk \$1,000 and \$400 for deputy; Sheriff \$1,000 and \$600 for deputy; and all must earn their pay in fees or take less. The county judge made \$800, Assessor \$1,350, including deputy assessors; Commissioners \$3.00 per day and milage; Court House janitor \$30. month. John Pine and Dr. Canatsey were heading a Red & Blue attendance contest at the M. E. Church, and Cliff Mills was helping at the Biggers and Quintal store; Henry Rogers was the local drayman; and Oscar Merriinan (a lad of 18) made the news when he shucked 112 bushels of corn, hauled it  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and scooped it in a crib in 10 hours.

You could buy front quarters of young cattle for 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents and hind quarters for 9 cents at Andy Meyers Market.



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## SIDEWALKS FLOAT AWAY IN FLOOD ON 1899

Citizens in the west part of Bluffs were removed from their homes on horseback May 29, 1899, when a torrential rain and hail storm, lasting several hours, flooded the town and washed away the wooden sidewalks and outdoor privies.

All highway and railway bridges east of Bluffs were washed out, 1000 feet of Wabash track at Neelyville was taken out and part of the trussel leading to the Valley City bridge was washed away.

The iron bridge at Van Gundy's, McCaleb's, Schuessler's, the local bridge and all wooden bridges were swept away and it was impossible to get out of Bluffs.

Traffic on the Keokuk branch of the Wabash was delayed two days and Hannibal traffic was stopped at Valley City for a week. Eleven bridges on the Wabash were out between there and Griggsville.



One of the first stores in Bluffs was run for fifty years by A. W. Baird and his son Edward, pictured above. It is now the home of Mrs. Minnie Baird Monta.



WABASH RAILROAD YARDS, BLUFFS, ILL.



Surveyors began work on surveying for a water works in 1915, a much needed project. The Village Board notified restaurants of Bluffs that the sale of cider was illegal and sale of cigarettes and giving away of cigarette papers were taboo.

A Wabash box car explosion in Bluffs Friday, March 17th resulted in death for three Greek laborers who had resided in cars and serious injury to four of their countrymen. All of the men of the village were out to fight the fire resulting from the explosion and to help the men, with Drs. Evans and Day called in to help. The men had been part of a work gang laying track and rails in Bluffs.

The "Chataqua" was held annually over the 4th of July holidays - usually lasting four or five days and all the community joining in to make them big successes.

Fire again threatened a row of business houses in August 1916, resulting in severe damage to Likes Store Building and minor damage to others. The rest of the fire was put out due to the quick response of volunteer firemen.

Farmers from the area gathered each year for the "Farmers Institute" which was usually held in the largest building available. This yearly occurrence was held until WWII, and was really a crowning event of the farmer's crops and their wives cooking and canning. Many prizes were awarded at the final judging, and many blue, red, white, etc., ribbons still are treasured by winners.

A bad fire swept Naples for the third time in it's history with an entire section of town destroyed Thursday, Feb. 15th, 1917. The Frank Quintal residence, Quintal Store, Abbott Warehouse were destroyed, other buildings damaged. The first fire occurred in the 1850's and the second fire Jan. 12, 1884.

Election was held for 1917 with Dr. H. H. Day elected as President, Elmer Wolford as Treasurer, and Henry Knoepfel, Ernest Vortman, I. B. Bridgman and George Brown as trustees.

Following the election, an earthquake shock was felt in Bluffs on April 9th with such force citizens thought the powder works at Alton or Hannibal had blown up. Cracks appeared in several homes, the worst ones appeared in the Andre and Andre's Furniture Store.

Disaster struck again when Bluffs was awakened to the fact that the nation was at war. Patriotic stories, signs and banners began to appear in town, much war talk was made and men began to prepare to answer their nations' call to arms.

The village was hit by high water in May, 1917 and E. L. Kendall was in charge of the Bluffs portion of the newly formed Draft Registering Board. For the next two years the draft board faced all sorts of slandering remarks, but credit was given to the brave souls who served on the board.

A rousing patriotic meeting was held June 1st, 1917 in the Meehan Theatre with almost all of the citizens of Bluffs attending. A big program with speech making was held.

Scott County had 720 young men registered for the draft by this time.

The Red Cross organization in Bluffs was formed in June with the first meeting called to order before a large crowd. Rev. Sorenson evoked the blessing; Winifred Ashley gave a reading "Red Cross Spirit", Fritz Haskell, county chairman of the Red Cross, gave a speech, Norman Campbell of Merritt, sang "Star Spangled Banner, assisted in pantomime by Mrs. P. H. Green and the Misses Dorothy Griswold,

Ruth Kilpatrick and Zoe Fitzpatrick. During the months that followed the membership list grew longer and longer. Yarn parties, knitting clubs, donations of bandages, etc., were the main stay of the organization.

During the money drive that followed the local organization went over the top in their quota of \$1,285 (they took in \$1,766.); the Bluffs Lutheran Church brought in over \$200 and the Neelyville Lutheran Church brought in over \$700.00

In the fall of 1918 the Red Cross held a huge Picnic and Fall Festival in Bluffs on Wednesday, Sept. 18th. Much publicity was given the festival with everyone cooperating. Citizens worked hard and long and the picnic was labeled a "SUCCESS" with \$2026.43 raised and net profit for the war efforts of \$1665.05. The Junior Red Cross raised \$143.54 the day of the picnic.

Clarence Morris was the first Bluffs boys called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for his country. Clarence, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, passed away Oct. 2, 1918 of pneumonia at Camp Rairtan, New Jersey.

A double funeral occurred next as two more of the area soldier boys were laid to rest in the Neelyville church cemetery. Bernard A. Lovekamp and Carl F. W. Engelbrecht were buried at the same time from the church. Lovekamp passed away of pneumonia at Camp Taylor, Ky. October 9, 1918. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovekamp, Engelbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engelbrecht, passed away of pneumonia also at Camp Taylor, Ky., October 7, 1918.



Charles Wolford, the second Bluffs boy to give his life for his country, was killed in France the day after the Armistice was signed. Mrs. Clyde Williams received word her brother was killed by the Huns November 12th, 1918 by a bomb explosion. When the American Legion Post was formed in Bluffs they honored Charles, by naming the post after him, and it remains Charles Wolford Legion Post #441.

The Estate of the late Harry Oakes, made up of a great deal of land surrounding Bluffs, was sold at public auction, bringing in over \$200,000 for the estate.

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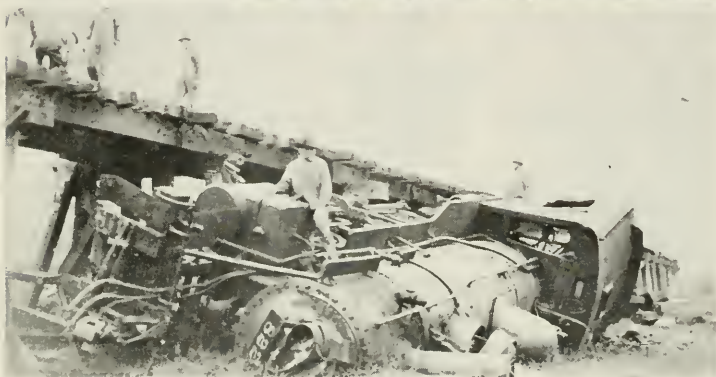
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Engineer I. B. Bridgman and Fireman Ed Mueller had a narrow escape when their engine jumped the Wabash tracks and plunged off the trestle on the east end of the Valley City bridge in November, 1918. They were backing across the bridge into Bluffs, when the engine lurched and left the track and plunged over the trestle onto the ground below. Bridgman succeeded in jumping and landed between the ties on the bridge, but Mueller was unable to get off so went over with the wreck and landed some 15 to 20 feet below. He crawled out of the wreckage (shown above) and was not seriously injured; back was badly scalded from escaping steam, but otherwise was shaken up. The Wabash had been having a series of wrecks of late, and this was the fourth to occur within a week or so.

The Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Roy Beird in April, 1919, by General Pershing in Coblenz, while Roy was still serving in the U. S. Marines. The local Bluffs High School also became accredited at this time.

The new village board elected were E. D. Beird, President, Russell Wolford as Clerk, Treasurer - E. L. Kendall, and trustees: W. H. Green, Wm. H. Hartnady, William McCullom and F. T. Curtis.

Bluffs was hit by heavy rain and wind storm during June of this year, and many homes and farms received severe damage.

A Gigantic Homecoming was held by the town citizens for their returning soldiers, sailors and marines, home from WWI. A big tent was erected, dining tables were placed in them; a string of kettles were filled to the brim and bubbling with burgoo soup, in charge of Monroe Taylor and B. W. Frohwitter. The fish were fried by Jersey Moon of Meredosia, where they grow fish and ladies by the score were the able assistants.

The Bluffs band, which was a new organization, furnished the music and at 12 o'clock noon a call was given for the soldier boys who were home from the war, to appear and partake of the feast. About fifty were there to be honored, and enjoyed complimentary cigars after the bountiful dinner.

A large program was held that afternoon, with Lt. Ewert telling a few of the things our boys did "over there" and also of some of the hardships they were compelled to undergo.

The feature of the big day was the pageant, which was led by Uncle Sam and Columbia, on two little ponies, followed by a float all in black, representing the beginning of war with one of "our boys" standing between home and war or between love and duty.

The music accompanying this float was "The Star Spangled Banner". Many floats followed, representing "Farewell Mother", "Over There", "Tenting Tonight", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "Rose of No Man's Land", "The Long, Long Trail" and "Ring Out Glad Bells of Peace". Our local band played "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" with eight little flower girls strewing flowers along the street, attended by two Spanish American war veterans, John Adkins and Frank Stanton.

Following the floats came the wagon carrying Civil war veterans. Only four was there to answer roll call when the parade started, namely Clayton Batley, James Branson, Wm. Wildy and George Peak. The last in line of parade was "our" soldier boys, led by Capt. Savoie of Naples and Lt. Day of Exeter, and all were proud of them. There were about 80 in line, including a sprinkling of sailors and marines, and all in uniform, and it was a sight that will long be remembered.

That evening a grand ball was given in Lewis' opera house, and this drew the young folks and the floor was so crowded there was scarcely room for the dancers. A feature of the dance was the solo dancing by Miss LaVerne Ward, daughter of Conductor and Mrs. Charles Ward of Bluffs.

The next day more fresh soup was served, the picture house did a booming business, and another parade was held



by the band and school, arranged by teachers Misses Pfenniger, Rockwood, Merris, Fuson, Chamberlain and Vannier.

During the program held, G. C. Rockwood of Springfield, a former Bluffs boy, made a very interesting talk on "The Ideals of American Citizenship" and his address was quite a surprise to many of his old home friends, as he had established himself quite a reputation as an orator during the Liberty Loan campaigns, and his address on this occasion was splendid and appreciated by his many friends here.

Registration of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. Pvt. Roy H. Beird, Pvt. Henry W. Sommers, Pvt. 1st Cl. Clarence Northrup, Sgt. Walter C. Northrup, Pvt. John Horsey, Corp. Halpin Dentin, Pvt. R. M. Crews, Wag. Maurice O'Brien, F. A. Walters, Pvt. Everette Kopp, Corp. Monroe Reed, Pvt. Henry Clark, Pvt. Jesse Batley, Pvt. Clarence Castle, Pvt. Elmer Seeman, Pvt. 1st Cl. Oscar P. Freesen, Pvt. 1st Cl. J. W. Kaus, Gummy Sgt. Harry Vannier, Pvt. Adolph E. Kuehler, Pvt. 1st Cl. Louis F. Bosse, Pvt. Norman Bloyd, Earl Gilman, Guy Grady, Pvt. 1st Cl. Mark W. Hale, Pvt. E. C. Baird, W. A. Wells, Pvt. Fred G. Westermeyer, Raymond Morris, Edward Sullings, Geo. C. Sommers, Shelby Brackett, M. E. Lankford, Geo. E. Berry, Daniel F. Ratigan, Leo P. Comerford, Capt. E. A. Savoie, Kelley Briggs, Roy Berry, Carl E. Bean, Pvt. Lyle Mathews, Lieut. Wm. H. Peters, Corp. Harry R. Wedeking, Hunter Funk, Sgt. Richard Coultas, Sgt. 1st Cl. Wm. J. Chambers, Corp. Denny Campbell, Corp. John A. Knoepfel, Sgt. Wm. G. Finney, Pvt. Estell Leib, Arthur Sandman, Floyd R. Hiernan, John E. Powell, Rude Albers, Herman Kund, Lee Green, Sgt. Carl M. Ritter, Byron R. Torrance, Raymond Scott, Roy Merriman, Ray Rankin, Carl F. Botterbush, Corp. F. Botterbush, Corp. Clarence A. Phillips, Pvt. 1st Cl. Edward Meyer, Pvt. H. Krusa, Liet. O. Walter, Corp. F. W. Bosse, Seaman Walter Hubert, Frank S. Holiday, Russell Brockhouse, Kimber Gayhart, 2nd. Lt. Robert H. Allen, 2nd. Liet. Smith E. Foutch, Wm. J. Curtis, F. Stanton, Henry Kesterson, Fred Northcutt, Milton Jackson, and Clayton Batley, letters of regret were received from L. C. Ashley and Neville Frohwitter. Quite a few of the boys neglected to register, and many sent letters of regret at being unable to attend the home coming celebration.

On February 21, 1920 the community voted to erect a new high school, with a total vote - FOR 452, AGAINST 155; majority for the school proposition 297.

Bluffs basketball team placed second this year in the District basketball tournament, with a good following.

Called to the Grand Jury in the spring were Fred Korthy and Andrew Schultis; Petit jurors were Loran Burbank, Fred D. Brockhouse, R. O. Perry and John Seeman.

Elected as Village Fathers in the spring election were: Trustees - R. D. Merris, John J. O'Brien, E. G. Gray; and as clerk - Russell Wolford, while the citizens made H. D. Kilpatrick police magistrate to fight the lawlessness.

Kendall & Knoepfel, W. H. Green, Hunter-Allen Lumber Co., Ballard and Johnson, Bank of Bluffs, Priest Motor Co., Dr. G. W. Reese (dentist), E. G. Gray, H. D. Killpatrick, Col. J. F. Parker (Auctioneer), Strickler and Stickler, Phillips Produce Co., Victor Knoepfel, Andre & Andre, Ranft's Hardware Store, Gray's Millinery Store, William J. Hartnady, Harry Geisendorfer, James R. Lucas (Vet.), The

City Pharmacy, Aaron Lewis (Auctioneer), all merchants of Bluffs, and Myers Bros. of Jacksonville were among the advertisers in the Bluffs Times.

E. G. Gray was running the Bluffs Drug Store, Stickler and Stickler were advertising women's hose at 25¢ a pair and R. L. Watson was selling Gaiaday washers.

The ground was covered with snow Easter Sunday morning and it snowed all day. It was the first heavy snow on Easter since 1874 when three inches fell.

Carter Brothers were manufacturing Scientific Hens and selling them as fast as they made them.

In July, 1920 Fitzsimmons Brothers opened a flour mill in Bluffs with every sack of flour sold, under a strict guarantee, and the citizens were glad to have a new business.

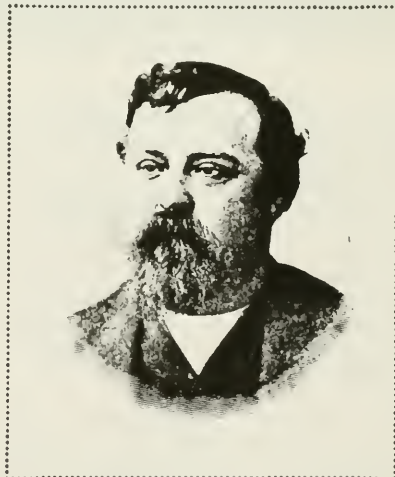
John O'Brien received the first Victory Medal issued in this section of the county for his service in WWI. He was serving as adjutant of the newly formed Charles Wolford Post #441, with Walter Nortrup as Commander.

Messrs. Beerup of Naples and York of Bluffs formed partnership and opened a barber shop in the former Sargent shop in August of this year, and clipped everyone.

In October, 1920 the body of Pvt. Austin Simms was brought back to his home in Naples, and given full military honors and funeral by Bluffs Legion Post. He departed this life October 16, 1918 on board a transport one day out of Breast, France.

Nov. 15, 1920 Paul (Jack) Cable of Bluffs met instant death while in the employ of the CIPS Co., while working on a high power line east of New Salem, Illinois.

Roy H. Beird of Bluffs, who had won the D. S. C. and the Croix De Guirre in WWI while serving with the Marines, was notified by the Navy Department that he also had been awarded the Navy Cross in appreciation of the splendid service he had rendered his country during the war.

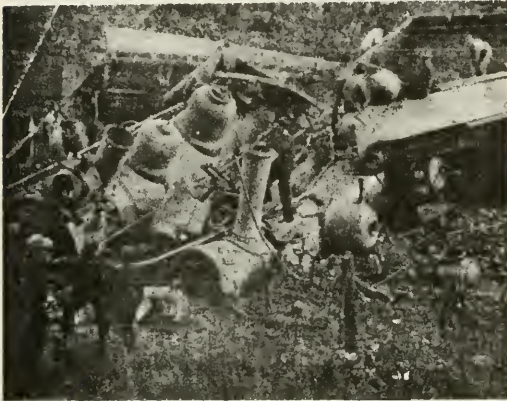


HENRY OAKES, SR.

After a lingering illness Henry Oakes died Dec. 30th, age 72 years, 3 months and 27 days. Interment was in the Greene Cemetery. Mr. Oakes, a highly respected business man in Bluffs, had been the founder of the original town.

Highlight of the new year in 1921 was the American Legion Minstrel show held February 21st. A program of participants included John O'Brien, Clarence Nortrup, Wm. Chambers, O. V. Walters, Neville Frohwitter, Roy Beird, Hy Summers, Harry Chambers, Harry Lankford, B. R. Clifton, W. J. Hartnady, C. M. Ritter, Kesterson, Hale, Comerford, Thompson, Arundel and McEvers. A "Farce" was the highlight of the entertaining program "The Battle of Rollin' Bones". The Public received the show with great enthusiasm, with the "biggest crowd" ever seen in Bluffs at anything" attending. Over 100 people couldn't get in the jammed Opera House so the Legion boys gave the show over again the following week with changes in the program.

George J. Middendorf and Roy Botterbusch were called to Grand Jury duty and Lew T. Thompson to Petit Jury.



OLD WABASH RAILROAD WRECK

Village election was held with the position of president up for grabs. E. D. Beird, originally on the ticket had withdrawn his name a few days prior to election, and the following received votes: E. D. Beird - 63; Maurice O'Brien 23; Mrs. John Adkins, 8; Mrs. O. A. Woodson, 1; Dr. C. A. Evans, 1; George Beagle, 1. Trustees elected were W. J. Hartnady, W. H. Green and Wm. McCullom; Treasurer - E. L. Kendall and Police magistrate - Ed C. Baird. Not long after the election Wm. McCullom passed away and another trustee was appointed.

Murder and suicide hit the village of Bluffs when O. R. (Reve) Stull of Galesburg, a railroad man, went berserk and killed his wife, stabbed his mother and father-in-law and then killed himself at the William Taylor home south-east of Bluffs.

Fire broke out in Bluffs March 1, 1921, and scared everyone. Damages were over \$15,000. Buildings destroyed on main street were the Arundel buildings, small one story frames occupied by P. E. Lankford Cafe, Westernmeyer Meat Market, Guy Sawyers Pantatorium, Geisendorfer building and meat market and Likes building and general store. There was also damage to Lewis Opera House across the street and plate glass windows of the Knoeppel building cracked, several glasses in the bank building also shattered. The origin

of the fire was unknown, but it was thought to have started by someone's smouldering cigarette.

In November, 1921 the Bank of Bluffs underwent extensive remodeling. A new vault and safe deposit boxes were installed, a small consultation room for patrons built, directors room upstairs, ceiling lowered, complete new outfit of banking furniture, counters, desks, etc., installed.

A warning was issued by the local law to the parties who took the four horse blankets belonging to Ben Rockwood, John Meier and Wayne Sumpter. He said - RETURN THEM OR ELSE!

Wallace Reid in "The Lottery Man" was showing at the local "Photoplay" Theatre in benefit of the High School basketball team. Admission was 15¢ and 25¢ including tax. Coming attractions were "Law of the Yukon", "Gilded Lies", "Say It With Flowers", "The Primal Law", "Third Class Male", "You Adorable Thing" and "Pinning It On", "The Lamplighter", "Stealing Home" Congressman Guy L. Shaw was distributing free garden seed to his constituents.

The Bank of Bluffs was broken into but took nothing of value but a revolver.

Robbers hit again in January, 1922 when the Bluffs Post Office was looted to the tune of \$200.00. Investigation was held but culprits weren't caught. The work of laying the new water mains to the big water tank at the Wabash Depot was well underway. It was said that labor and material would run close to \$1,000, but that it would be well worth it. During the basketball season Bluffs made quite a name for themselves, till Pittsfield finally broke the spell and defeated them. Playing on the team were Knoeppel, Hyler, Rolf, Hartnady and Wills.



Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 1921 Charles Oakes, one of Bluffs prominent farmers passed away. A large memorial service was held.

In February the Farmers Elevator was offering 40¢ for corn. This was the first time since October, 1920 that this price had been offered. A few weeks before corn had been selling for \$7.00 per ton DELIVERED.

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A car load of corn was loaded here for the Far East Relief and starving children of the Bible Lands. Bluffs had a tremendous response and it was felt that if everyone else in this vicinity did as well as Bluffs, many children would be fatter and healthier.

A shooting match was held by Henry Rolf at the Bluffs ball park. Some of the scores were: H. Vannier, 100 birds, 94%; Ed Fitzsimmons, 100 birds, 86%; F. Kilver, 100 birds, 83%; J. Dunham, 100 birds, 78%; C. Lawson, 100 birds, 89%; H. Rolf, 90 birds, 84%; C. Stewart, 90 birds, 77%; C. Sheets, 70 birds, 75%; A. Boulware, 70 birds, 90%; R. Hubbard, 50 birds, 78%; Dr. Stewart, 50 birds, 74%.

In March P. E. Lankford purchased the "Photoplay" Theatre and will devote his entire time to the picture house and promises a first class line of coming attractions.

A special meeting was called in March, by the village board to purchase property where the city hall and firehouse presently stood. It was felt that a great deal of money could be saved in the future if the building were owned by the town. Thomas Meehan and William Frohwitter were called to serve on the April Grand Jury.

The body of Charles Wolford, WWI war hero, was brought back to Bluffs, where it was buried with military honors.

The Scott County Levee also broke and flooded 10,000 acres in April, with the rich farming land out of sight. The Naples residents were forced from their homes and a great many of them are living in tents. Many sought refuge with relatives in nearby towns.

Many of the washed-out residents of the Levee district had placed their furniture and household goods above the 1913 high water mark, thinking it would be safe, but the present stage of water far exceeds that of 1913. The Wabash Railroad Company gave every aid they could to people and furnished sand bags to help hold the levee as well as furnished men to help work on the levees. The Red Cross also gave aid the stricken people. It was weeks before the water had all receded.

A high water record had been kept by the late Robert A. Anderson: June 1844 - 25' 17", June 1852 - 24' 9", April 5, 1904 - 21'; March 6, 1908 - 20' 8", May 25, 1908 - 22' 11" and April, 1913 - 24' 4".

New Village Board officials were John O'Brien, Frank Stanton, C. A. Phillips and W. H. Vannier to the position of trustees, H. W. Sommer, Jr. elected Village clerk and Gus Kilver as Police Magistrate.

E. D. Beird sold his insurance agency to Clarence McCaleb.

In May, 1922 the first Moonlight excursion of the season occurred on the Steamer "Julia Belle Swain", was largely attended by the ladies of the community and their courting swains. It featured a trip from Meredosia, Naples and Griggsville round trip for 50¢.

A measure of relief from the dust on the streets, was achieved in June. The dust had been cussed and discussed with varying emotions by the entire population, and was secured when the large oil tank of the W. H. Cocking Co. arrived in Bluffs and distributed 10,031 gallons of oil on

the streets. 6,000 gallons more have been ordered as some of the people have been scurrying about collecting money so THEIR streets could be oiled.

A bad wind storm hit Bluffs this month, doing much damage.

It was decided in a judge's court that hereafter "reckless and Careless" drivers would be known as "fliverboobs".

In July, 1922 the BIG WABASH STRIKE, as it became known, occurred with around 30 local Wabash shopmen going on strike, on orders from their union. Strike breakers were hired or brought into Bluffs, as our village was one of the high points of activity in the division. Many, many officials were in and out of town for months; railway police, United States deputy marshalls, etc., were also here for quite awhile; and many local brawls occurred defending the union's actions vs the strike-breakers. The strike lasted until the mid-part of 1923, and then just petered out, with only a part of their battle won.

Threshing was in full swing, with Royal Oakes reporting his first 88 acres threshed averaged a good 35 bushels to the acre and



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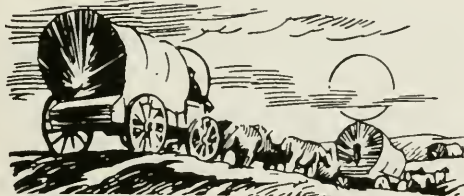
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## GRADUATING CLASSES 1899 to 1922

Class of 1899-Royal Oakes, Willie Davis, Earl Lewis, Arthur Boulware, Mamie Gilson.

Class of 1902-commencement May 15 from three year high school-Olive Merris, Pearl Emeline Tewksbury, Clarence McCaleb.

Class of 1903-Mabel Quintal Wilday.

Class of 1904-Lester Christy, Paul McCullom, Nellie Mulhern, Clarence Mundy.

Class of 1905-Thurman Allen, Albert Knoeppel.

Class of 1906-Mary Meehan Harris, Emmeline Oakes Robertson, Lena Christy, Squire Arundel.

Class of 1907-John O'Brien.

Class of 1908-Clara Brockhouse VanGundy, Leila Finney, Mabel Hodgins.

Class of 1909-Earl Burrus, Berle Carver, Estelee VanHying, Caroline Wolford Williams.

Class of 1910-Theo. C. Moore, Principal, Anna Arundel, Eleanor Finney, Vita Mueller Chapman, Helen Sears Marsh, Bessie Smith.

Class of 1911-Ethel McCaleb Moore, Lena Vannier Lovekamp, Croney Mills.

Class of 1912-Stella Morris Korty, Bernice Wolford Fuson, Nora Baird, Bessie Allen Hanna.

Class of 1913-Ora Husband Likes, Mildred Chapman, Charlie Sawyer.

Class of 1914-Ethel Chapman.

Class of 1915-Glenn Head, Supt. Cathleen Carver, Mabel Green, Cecil Murrah, Harvey Sears, Bessie Thompson O'Brien, Elmer Thorne, Russell Woltord, Kathryn Wood Rankin.

Class of 1916-Floyd Hierman, Zeta Merris, Marie Thorne Berry, Belle Vannier Merriman.

Class of 1917-Pearl Rockwood Dumbar, Hester Torrance Berry, Elizabeth Krusa Hamilton, Kathryn Smith Seipker, Alice Tash Gray, Margaret Finney Davis, Iota Bergner Castle, Esta Kopp Howell, Roy C. Beird, Rena Pond.

Class of 1918-Anna Lane, Zoe Fitzpatrick Beird, Helen Oakes Head, Helen Fuson Starts, Ethel McMurray Hierman, Coin Mueller, W. Raymond Six, Uleta Shaw, Lillian Sommers Rolf, Clyde VanHying, Roy Merriman.

Class of 1919-Cleo Bergner, Harry Chambers, Marie Fuson, Dorothy Ray Griswold, Lillian Guenther Meier, Ruth Killpatrick Nortrup, Hester L. Korty, Beatrice Morris Seeman, Anna Rebbe Vortman, Benjamin Rockwood, Paul Vannier.

Class of 1920-Matilda Nortrup Kaehlert, M. R. Korty, Gertrude Hierman, Marie Rolf, Harry Lankford, Russell Arundel, Mary Jane Morris, Odgen Sears, Edward Middendorf, Amanda Middendorf Tiemann, Beulah Green Coultas, Raymond Knoeppel.

Class of 1921-Mabel Haley, Vera McCaleb, Zela Mueller Hyler, Minnie Ranft Chambers.

Class of 1922-Bernice Chamberlain Strubinger, Gertrude Fuson Six, Bessie R. Merriman Reichart, Freda Meyer Smith, Viola Maude Rogers Davis, Burton Chamberlain, Ervin H. Rolf, Leonard Rolf, Kenneth F. Six, Charles R. Wills.



Threshing was in full swing, with Royal Oakes reporting his first 88 acres threshed averaged 35 bushels to the acre and tested 59 to 60 pounds; Dave Leonard reported threshing a 30 acre field, average 35 bushels testing 61 pounds; Clarence McCaleb and Arthur Christianer had 80 acres of hard wheat which turned out 2,466 bushels; George Hierman reported average 30 bushels to an acre; Harmond Nortrup, reported on 40 acres, averaging 30 bushel an acre and testing 58 pounds. On August 24, 1922, at the big Oakes land sale, E. L. Kendall and J. A. Knoeppel purchased 16 acres of land lying just west of the bridge across town. They then announced their intention to have the land surveyed and platted into town lots, with plans which will include the donation of a town park to the city.

P. M. Green was appointed as Postmaster in Bluffs in February, 1923, and P. C. Burrus checked out after four years in that position. The Wabash Supply House just north of the Round House burned, with loss listed between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Also a minor fire reported by George J. Vannier, janitor at the school house, who put out the fire without assistance from the fire department.

In March Fred Todd purchased the "Photoplay" theatre from P. E. Lankford. Albert Knoeppel and Leroy Castle were called to Petit Jury duty, and the City fathers designated the second week of April as "Clean Up Week" and requested all citizens to do their best on this annual day, to clean their property and alleys of all unnecessary debris. Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Huffman purchased the Mrs. E. G. Gray Millinery Shop, and W. H. Mueller & Co. installed a new ice plant just west of Bluffs.

Elected to the Town Board were Dr. J. H. Stewart as president, and trustees: W. H. Vannier, P. C. Burrus, Wm. Seeman and W. A. Hildebrand.

A new City Meat Market opened up in May, operated by Henry Johannesse.

Class of 1923-Wilmer Botterbusch, Elmer Hyler, William Kilver, Leroy Knoeppel, Vera Mathews McFerren, Russell Morris, Arthur Moss, Leila Parker Glossop, Anna Ratigan, Ruth Robinson Main, Lora Seeman Kilver, Russell Six, John Sommer, Carl Stegemann, Harvey Vortman, Clarence Weiss, Russell Wills.

The Wabash hit the news again in June, 1923 when they put two new fast passenger trains in Service the first of the month (Train #9 and Train #8 - both making daily stops at Bluffs). People were told of the fast, efficient service they would now be getting from the Wabash.

Plumbing improvement were made at the grade school. The Princess Cafe changed hands - Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Phillips sold out to Ira A. Brown of Roodhouse; the Beerup and Hale Barber Shop, operated by Mark Hale, was sold to



the Main Brothers, Fred and Floyd, and the Dedication of Col. Grant's Camp Ground at Naples was held with a big program involving many local people.



A stone was placed on the camp site of Gen. Grant's over night camping spot, compliments of Collins Mill. Grant and the 21st Illinois Volunteers had stayed there July 6th, 1861. A tablet was placed on the stone at a later date (1923) by the Literature and Civic department of the Winchester Woman's Club.

In August 1923 Charles Sheets purchased the "Photoplay" theatre. An annual levy of \$20,000 was made to run our fair village for the next year. The Photoplay again changed hands when G. O. Parrish of Naples purchased same from Mr. Sheets. Fred Muntman of Chapin purchased the merchandise store of Mrs. J. E. Likes in Bluffs, who then retired.

The Bank of Bluffs had Capital Stock of \$100,000 in September, 1923, with E. L. Kendall serving as President, H. C. Knoeppel as Vice President and Ass't Cashier and J. A. Knoeppel as Cashier. Bluffs Business Men endorsed the Farm Bureau.

H. D. Kilpatrick purchased a new motor funeral car for his Funeral Parlor, the Post office moved on Sunday to new quarters in the W. H. Green building. Site of the old quarters had been leased to Kroger Company.

In October the C. I. P. S. Company announced 7302 stockholders and were doing a flourishing business.

George Van Gundy sold his telephone company - "The Home Telephone Co., to Messrs. Domke and Tucker of Jacksonville, Illinois in January, 1924.

At election time the new town trustees were C. A. Castle, P. E. Lankford and Henry Hubbert, with J. Harry Beerup as clerk. President of the school board was Royal Oakes and new members were R. D. Merris, Leroy Castle, and Clarence McCaleb.

Class of 1924-Edward Bailey, Aileen Coultas Ropar, Charles Merris, Vern Mueller, Vernon Nortrup, Grace Six Miller, Harvey Six, Rena Sommer, Julian Meehan, Kathleen Six.



In June, 1924 Bluffs, was visited by a most disastrous wind storm doing property damages into many thousands of dollars, but no loss of life. Farms on Apple Pie Ridge were badly hit with much damage. The Cyclone struck about 9:30 p.m. and was very narrow in width.



The Apple Pie Ridge School had the complete east side blown out leaving broken boards and nails sticking out; a dictionary was lying on a seat in the east row after the cyclone had passed. The side of the building was found lying 300 feet to the east in a field.

Congressman Henry T. Rainey appeared in Bluffs at the Annual Burgoon Picnic in August, given by members of the M. E. Church in the Old Burbank Grove.

According to the fisherman of the area the year 1924 will go down in history as one of the poorest fishing seasons in years.

Through no fault of anyone it has been decided that the fire department lacks effective organization, and that there should be a new device for an alarm. The Ewing Lankford home, the Ella Sears home and a barn on the George Roberts farm owned by John Pine were all destroyed by fire in approximately a weeks time. The Village Board decided at their last meeting to build a new concrete walk from the Carlton corner south to the corner of Mrs. Six's house.

It has been decided at this time that Bluffs should have two voting precincts and the town was divided into North Bluffs and South Bluffs.

C. C. Carter was highly honored by the International Mathematical Congress at their Annual Convention. It is an honor to have such a man in our community.

Residents in this community were very pleased to learn the roads from Naples thru Bluffs and Exeter to Ebaugh corner were to be oiled.

The Andre & Andre Home Furnishing Company in Bluffs have closed their business and are moving to Jacksonville. The Wabash Railroad is extensively improving the stock yards at Bluffs.



One of the worst sleet storms in recent history holds Bluffs in its icy grip. All of the streets are blocked by trees and CIPS lines downed by ice.

1925 Four tickets were filed for the Village election.

Four tickets have been filed for the Village election. Citizens Ticket - President of Village Board, Dr. H. W. Sears; Trustees - F. J. Muntman, Wm. Hildebrand and John R. Green. Peoples Ticket - President, Frank Stanton, Trustees, Maurice O'Brien, Geo. H. Middendorf and James Chance. Independents - Board Members, E. C. Baird, Henry Nortrup and Henry Engelbrecht. Village Treasurer, E. L. Kendall and for Police Magistrate, Jas. B. Thompson. Independent Ticket #2 - President of Board W. O. Ague, Board members, Iver Mueller, Raymond Six, and Floyd Hierman. The Peoples Ticket was elected headed by Dr. H. W. Sears.

Plans for a new high school building is being considered. On May 25, 1925 much damage was done to the fruit trees and gardens in this area by frost when the mercury hit a 30 degree mark.

1925-Bernard Brown, Edward Chamberlain, Oliver Chambers, Helen Dunnaway, Eva Green, Marvin Hill, Lee M. Korty, Opal Lawrence Wills, Helen Main, Helen Masterson, Nina Merriman Hamilton, Donald Moore, Melvin Seeman, Erwin Weiss, Margaret Vannier Chambers.

In June of this year our neighboring village, Exeter, was 100 years old, having been surveyed and laid out in June A.D. 1825.

Gray's Millinery store closes shop in Bluffs as the owners move from town.

A new big combine Harvester is being tried out at the Oakes wheat field. Hundreds of people gathered at the site to watch the initial tryout.

The Bluffs Bakery has changed ownership. S.A. Ashby has sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Kress jr.

Mrs. A. V. Pyle and Miss Fannie Cox have opened a new millinery store in the Beird building.

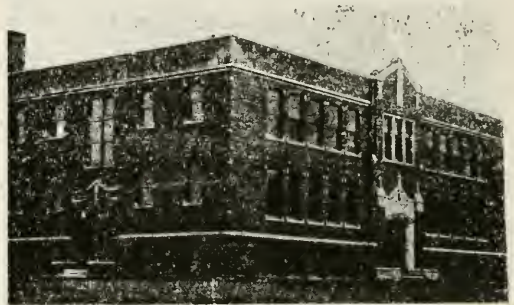
The teachers employed for the year 1926-27 are as follows: George Main, Superintendent; Walter Miller, Ray-

mond Knoeppel, Mary Branham, Elva Crabb, Berniece Chamberlain, Muriel Kopp, Cleo Bergner, Alice Tash, Nona Gray and Mrs. Ellen Coultas.

The C. A. Castle Ford Products Co., is advertising the Ford Touring Car for \$310 and a Runabout for \$290.

The Methodist Protestant Church is observing its anniversary this year. Officers at the Bank of Bluffs are E. L. Kendall, President; H. C. Knoeppel, Vice President and J. A. Knoeppel, Cashier.

The closing exercises for the high school and grade school will be held in the gymnasium of the new school building now being completed.



Class of 1926-Forrest Adkins, Lucille Adkins Eye, Jacob Albright, Clara Beerup Nortrup, Dorothy Botterbusch, Paul Crum, Ruth Crum, Florence Kilver Metternich, Edna Little Engelbrecht, Dorothy Mains Walker, Mildred Middendorf Taylor, Mildred Morris Seeman, Mabel Rockwood Vortman, Henrietta Schweer, Mildred Seeman Eiler, Freida Six Parker, Richard Straham, Eme-line Torrance Rhinaldo, Louise Vannier Walker, Floyd Hart.

In June the Village Board voted to accept the report from the Engineering Company and to take steps towards installing a new water system in Bluffs. A Waterworks Bond issue is being considered by the City Dads.

During July of '26 the Wabash put on the big type, "2700", locomotive engines. These are the largest and most powerful to be used on this division.

A contract has been let to build a new bridge across the Illinois River at Florence, Ill.

The flood situation remains very serious. The damage to crops and property is immense. There are many thousands of acres of land under water.

In October there was one case of diphtheria reported in Bluffs.

The year of 1926 goes down as the wettest in history, the rainfall during the year was 47 inches, that is more than 11 inches above average.

Class of 1927-Larue Baulos, Helen Bentz Nugent, Charles Comerford, Glenn Davis, Melvin Davis, Richard Finney, Ray Funk, James Hamilton, Pearl Heidenreich, Marvin Hierman, Loren Lawrence, Helen Magill, Alfred Meyer, Donald Merris, Lorene Parish, Philip Ratigan, Raymon Robinson, Helen Six Miller.

The City Dads elected in April were W. H. Green, Village President, with A. V. Pyle, N. J. Moore and Floyd Hierman elected to the Village Board.

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Two Lankford brothers, Melvin and Harry, were crushed to death under a coal car while they were assisting at the bad wreck of the Wabash Freight train near Neelyville.

The Bluffs Times began a great serial story written by a former Bluffs Boy. "The Eternal Price" by Wm. Bernard Frohwitter.

In July of 1927 The Hierman's Dairy purchased a new milking machine.

Approval by the State of Illinois was given for a new bridge at Florence, Illinois which will be the largest in the State of Illinois. Span to be 2000 feet long, and the approximate cost to be \$775,000.00.

Joseph C. Reed was the publisher of the Bluffs Weekly Times. He was a very dedicated editor.

In August of 1927 Miss Alice Mudd began her second term as County Superintendent of Schools for Scott Co.

In September of 1927 defective wiring caused serious damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Knoeppel of Bluffs. The Knoeppel's had just recently redecorated their home and it was one of the show places of our area.

Bluffs Community Schools opened for the fall term. E.E. Wacaser was Superintendent of the system.

In October of 1927 Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the IOOF Lodge, Post Office, Green Hardware and Wm. Doyle General Store in Bluffs. This was the most serious fire in our history.

In November of 1927 F.J. Muntman's 1925 Ford coupe was stolen from a Jacksonville parking area while they were attending a movie in the same area.

It was announced the Odd Fellows would rebuild their home, and Joe Mayes store opened again in the Charles Welch building.

In January of 1928 the public schools re-opened after the Christmas holidays. The opening was delayed because of lack of fuel.

In February of 1928 Clayton Batley, a Civil War veteran died in Bluffs at the age of 82.

In May twelve students were graduated from the Bluffs High School.

Class of 1928-Henry Albers, Mazie Carlton Crowell, Henry Chamberlain, Ruth Merris Hart, Elliott Moore, Arthur Seeman, Howard Bailey, Russell Carpenter, Roscoe Funk, Josephine Little Collison, Louisa Robinson, Ruth Rockwood.

Another old landmark of Bluffs is gone. The Ballard and Johnson Hotel and Restaurant adjoining the Wabash Depot (on the west) was completely gutted by fire of undetermined origin.

In June of 1928 Miss Mabel Green, linotype operator at the Bluffs Weekly Times lost her index finger when her hand was caught in the machine.

In July 1928 the State of Illinois-Roads Division announced plans for a hard road to Route 36 from Bluffs. (Known as Route 100).

In September of 1928 Clyde Williams purchased the Hullinger Blacksmith Shop and put Earl Brackett in charge. Horse shoeing was the specialty.

In October of 1928 James Bingham, Herman Vannier, A.E. Thomas and John Kuecher and O. Hayes were injured in a train derailment near New Salem, Illinois.

In March of 1929 Kilver Brothers purchased the Princess Cafe and opened for business in Bluffs.

Many families were quarantined for small pox and

scarlet fever. Many of our citizens died and lost members of their families to these dread diseases.

In April of 1929 Clyde Williams and A. Hullinger were in partnership in the Blacksmith Shop.

The Bluffs Midway Cafe opened under new management of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lankford and Mrs. Lillie Bentz.

In May of 1929 The Village Board installed the following: Frank Staunton, president; F.J. Muntman, Floyd Hierman, E.C. Thorne, Trustees; C.R. Wills-Treasurer.

Class of 1929-Howard Adams, Howard Brown, Henry Fraser, George Krusa, Harvey Krusa, Vera Magill, Gladys Six, Goldena Meyers Krusa, Ruth Six Baulos, Helen Weiss.

In August the Projection room of the local movie establishment house caught fire. All were evacuated. The fire was put out and the movies resumed. Estimated cost of damage was \$150.00.

October of 1929 the Bluffs Weekly Times observed its 40th anniversary. J.C. Reed was publisher and editor.

Tuscher Brothers new drug store opened in the village.

In December of 1929 Bluffs Legion elected the following officers to hold office for the ensuing year: M.F. O'Brien, Commander, J.A. Knoeppel, V. Commander, W. Chambers Adjutant; H. Geisendorfer-Finance Officer.

Class of 1930-Nina Adams, Marion Atwood, Louise Berry, Kenneth Bridgman, Omer Bridgman, Glen Brockhouse, Wayne Gregory, Ferne Kilver Knudson, Roxanna Kopp, Bernice Morris Gregory, George Roosa; Louise Stanton, Mildred Vannier, Leo Watson, Aileen Weiss, Margaret Williams Watson, Moses C. Wood.

In June of 1930 the merchants and business men of Bluffs sponsored free movies every Saturday night during the summer to be shown at Harry Chambers Hardware Store.

Mrs. F.F. House opened a "Cooked Food" store in the Lewis Building. Her specialty was baked goods. Orders could be placed in advance.

Bluffs Community High School held a reunion of the classes of 1925 and 1926. Miss Zita Merris was advisor for 1925 and Helen Chiles advisor for 1926.

In March of 1930 J. Reed, publisher of the Bluffs Weekly Times was operated on in Jacksonville at the hospital for appendicitis. His condition was reported serious.

Mr. Reed, publisher and editor, died at the hospital in Jacksonville following surgery. His funeral was held in Bluffs. It was later announced that Mrs. Reed would continue the paper as usual.

In August of 1930 Chrystal Pile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pile was seriously injured when a bridge she and her brother were crossing in a wagon collapsed. The mishap occurred on Walnut Creek.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kund was caused considerable damage when fire broke out. It was believed to be caused from defective wiring.

In September of 1930 at a meeting of the Scott Co. Bankers Association, E.L. Kendall, Bluffs banker, was elected President of the organization.

Scott County schools opened with an enrollment of 1,292, 602 boys and 630 girls. Alice Mudd was County Superintendent of Schools.

On September 17th Bluffs was hit by one of the heaviest storms in many years. Much damage resulted.



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The E.O.W. 500 Club had a picnic at Nichols Park in Jacksonville. Present were: Mesdames Edna Bates, Ruth Nortrup, Nora Gaze, Clara Baird, Ruth Placke, Hazel Geisendorfer, Minnie Muntman, Georgia Muntman, Effie Schroeder, Anita Thorne, Elizabeth Kilver and Miss Nora Baird.

Herbert Taylor, 35 year old veteran lineman for the Central Illinois Public Service Company at Beardstown was killed instantly near Bluffs in a car accident.

The Scott County Produce Assoc. started business in Bluffs.

Many residents were interested in reading of the contemplated wreckage of the old showboat "French's New Sensation" - at the beginning of 1931.

The December and January that have just passed are the driest they have been in 75 years.

There has not been so much sickness in and around Bluffs for a long time as now exists. The red measles signs are well displayed, and many are ill with the flu.

Fire completely demolished the small one story frame building housing the V. W. Mueller Shoe Shop.

**BLUFFS MOST MAROONED CITY!** -- The following was clipped from the State Register: You recall our desperate efforts to rescue the beautiful little city of Bluffs from isolation because it is the hard-road outcast of Illinois! Today we received this message: "Bluffs, Ill. - March 10 - Isolated! Marooned! Abandoned! How long, oh, Lord? How Long? Pray for us, Senator! (signed) Baylis.

Here's our prayer: Oh Lord, heed now, our tearful plea For Bluffs, marooned so needlessly! Arouse road-builders from their nap - And have them put Bluffs on the Map! -Admiral.

Fred Brockhouse quit the Merchandise Business in Bluffs.

In April announcement was made that Bluffs will be connected with a hard-road this summer - from Bluffs to Route 104.

The new Village officers elected were Floyd Hierman, Mayor; new Aldermen were F. J. Muntman and E. C. Thorne.

The manager of our local Kroger Store was Martin Dorwart.

Class of 1931 - John Adkins, Edna Albers, Scott Baulos, Robert Bingham, Harold Bridgman, Doris Brockhouse, Stineberg, Harry Collins, Lucille Hamilton Dorward, Mildred Krusa, Virgil Mueller, Evelyn Placke, Arthur Nortrup.

It has been decided there will be no 4th of July Celebration in Bluffs this year, but hope to have a celebration and a Homecoming when Route 100 is completed to Bluffs.

A new town bridge will be constructed by the state along with a foot bridge for pedestrians.

A new cafe for Bluffs is the South Side Cafe, newly constructed and owned and operated by Mrs. Minnie Baird.

In October the final hearing of the State gave location of Route 100, Southwesterly of Bluffs to Route 36. The new hard road north from Bluffs was dedicated Oct. 14, 1931.

The first community sale ever held in this neighborhood was staged by Floyd Hierman and Elmer Middendorf in the old livery barn.

On Feb. 10, 1932 work began on the bridge across Wolf Run Creek. The old steel bridge is being moved to make a temporary crossing.

In March the Town Board appointed an unemployment Committee for our Community. Anyone having any work they wanted done could notify the committee and they in turn would pass it on to one of the many unemployed in the area.

This is the year that the Wabash added two trains to the passenger service here, which everyone welcomed. The Wabash also replaced steam with gas-electric motors on trains No. 3 and 12.

Class of 1932 - John Watson, Harold Oakes, Arthur Likes, Elmer Greogry, Allen Balding, C.C. Michigan, Charles Williams, Clifford Cox, Burl Merriman, Glenn Seeman, Julie Mae Torrence Bauser, Virginia Brown Green, Eleanor Smith McNutt, Velma Henard Green, Vera Schroeder McCormick, Mildred Little, Nina Krusa Vortman, Helen Albright Crouse, Dorene Brockhouse Blackburn, P.L. Blansett was Supt.; Harold Frohwitter, Albert Hays, Florence Hopkins, Ruth Thompson Gregory, Juanita Tritsch Kelley, Charles Kendall, Floyd Little, Miss Daisy Perry - Adviser.

Two buildings, the Blacksmith and a Mill, and their contents were totally destroyed by fire in July of 1932. The Blacksmith shop was operated by Mr. Hardwick and the equipment he had leased from Clyde Williams. The fire started when Donald Mullen was filling a tank with gasoline. The fire department from Jacksonville and Meredosia responded to a call for help. The buildings belonged to Oakes estate. The roller milling equipment belonged to Fitzsimmons Bros. and was leased to Clyde Williams. It was such a big fire and the heat so intense that it damaged the glass in the windows and paint on the Muntman home. Really was an exciting time for awhile.



July 30, 1931 - Bluffs Street graded for paving.

In August a windstorm, bordering on a tornado, passed through Bluffs leaving much damage in its path. Many uprooted trees and downed power lines. The plate glass in the door of Phillips store was pulled out by the wind and the grain elevator was unroofed. The wind was of such force at the Chambers Hardware Store that it broke a second story window and the broken glass was embedded in walls and woodwork.

Mr. Jonah Vaughn purchased the old Lewis Opera House from Mr. E. L. Kendall and workmen were busy tearing down one of the oldest landmarks in the business district.

Our neighboring city of Naples celebrated its centennial Aug. 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1932, marking an interesting historical period spanning 107 years from 1825 to 1932.

The South Side Cafe has changed hands as Mrs. Minnie Baird has leased it to Mrs. Floyd House.

The Chance Garage advertized the new Ford as a new type of transportation - smooth, 65 horsepower V-type engine - Low center of gravity and synchronized gear shifting.

The only Strip Coal Mine in this section opened near here in 1932. The Rice Bros. opened a mine on Dr. Fountain's place two miles west of Bethel.

Joe Martin has purchased the three cornered tract of land, outside the curve of Route 100, south of Bluffs from Mrs. Glen Head and is erecting a gas station.

The Bluffs Community High School Gym was the scene of the Farmers Institute held by the area farmers Nov. 10 & 11.

Despite the lull in general business, our County Clerk issued 75 marriage license in 1932. The figure shows an increase of 3 mergers over the record of 72 for 1931.

In 1933 the lot across from Cockerill Garage was purchased by Burl Bridgman and he built a modern filling station, with greasing and washing accommodations, all modern. Joe Evans opened a soft drink parlor in the Old Brick south of the tracks and the new large windows gives this old building a changed appearance.

Gold pours into local bank following the Presidents plea to return gold to U. S. Treasury. People of this community can be thankful that the officials of the local bank made application early for membership in the Federal Reserve system and that the State Auditor granted them an early license to reopen, because at the present time only one third of the state banks in Illinois are open for business.

The new Gulf Service Station has just been completed and opened by Earl Carlton.

The local school board has reduced all salaries and eliminated one faculty position and will make a savings of 22% in salary expenses this year. The faculty is P. L. Blansett, Supt., Agriculture - Mr. Rich, Math and Science- Mr. Grote, Commercial-Miss Huston, English and Spanish-Miss Perry. Grade School - Bernice Chamberlain, Mildred Morris, Helen Mains, Naomi Carnes, Maxine Morley, Naomi Pine, Lee Korty, Principal.

The flooding situation of the Illinois River seems to have no ending as the water continues to raise each day. There are many thousands of acres flooded.

F. E. Chapman, south side merchant, was elected Mayor by a majority of some twenty votes. Others elected were George Middendorf, Dr. E. C. Thorne, and Horace Arnold for Trustees and Charles Wills for Treasurer.

Otis Hayes has purchased a new plane for his son Albert. Albert, accompanied by his sister Helen, flew the plane back to Bluffs from Marshal, Mo. Upon his arrival he took several people for rides. A few days later Albert had the misfortune to run into a wheat shock when making a landing breaking the propeller and doing other damage, and it was necessary to take the plane to St. Louis for repairs.

The Household Science Club had over 100 entries in the Flower Show which was held in the Brockhouse Building. Mrs. P. C. Burrus, President and committee in charge of display were Mrs. Rosa Finningsmier, Mrs. Leila Six and Mrs. Minnie Chambers.

Two local boys, Roscoe Nortrup and Charles Rolfe, Jr. won prizes with their entry of pigs at the Morgan County Fair.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. A. Hallen held an Open House at the St. John's Lutheran Parsonage.

The fifth annual fox hunters meet was held at the Bluff Dale School yard and attracted a very large crowd. Jim Davis of Oxville had an electric light plant on the grounds and furnished light for the evenings entertainment.



Years ago the Wabash Round House shop stood in the west end of Bluffs. The "turn table" served the old-time light and short engines, but would not accommodate the long, heavy modern engines which were later installed on the Wabash system. It was later sold to Freesen Bros, Inc. for a work and storage shed, and this was destroyed by fire in March of 1965. J. T. Cloyd, a former foreman at the round house is in picture above.

The new I. O. O. F. Building was dedicated in September, 1933. The Scott Lodge No. 702, I. O. O. F. was founded in Bluffs more than fifty years ago. The charter was granted Nov. 23, 1882, with James F. Crawford, H. A. Bruno, John D. Bruno, Dan Fuson, David Richards, and Arthur Arundel as Charter members. Membership increased steadily and the first Odd Fellow building was built in 1883. This two-story frame structure was destroyed by fire, October 19, 1927, and many of the old records were lost. In 1927 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs rented the Knoeppel hall above the Sheets pool room and made that their quarters until their new building was completed.

Dawn Rebekah Lodge 169, was founded in Bluffs, November 18th, 1886. Charter members were A. R. Clark, C. W. Clark, W. H. Brady, J. C. Lewis, George Thorne, J. B. Carver, Sarah Clark, Fannie Lewis, Mary A. Thorne, Isabell Brady and M. L. Clark.



Graduating class of 1933: Ruth Meier, Marvin Bauser, Margaret Bridgman, Allen Carlton, Isabelle Hubbert, Arthur E. Grady, Mildred Brackett, Dorothy Beeley, Louise Rolf, Irvin Albright, Jane Collins, Vernon Korty, Marjorie Bates, Winona Bailey, Gordon Lemme, Eileen Merriman, Oakley Castle, Marcella Taylor and Supt. P. L. Blansett.

P. M. Green, who has been Postmaster here since April 1923, a period of more than ten years, tendered his resignation to the Postal Department. Mr. T. Bernard Meehan has been recommended as Acting Postmaster to fill the vacancy. Mr. Green, following the acceptance of his resignation will again enter the hardware business with his father, W. H. Green.

Three unmasked bandits entered the bank here Friday afternoon, November 17th, and forced the employees together with four customers into the vault while they made away with \$2,200 in cash. The three men parked their car in front of the bank and walked in leisurely. One held the door, gentlemanly, for Miss Eva Green, a customer, who was leaving. Once inside they commanded the employees, Albert Knoepfel, Charles Wills, and Vera McCaleb to lie on the floor. After all the guns carried by the bank were gathered up, one robber took a position near the door out of sight from the street and commanded the customers as they entered to go back to the vault. P. M. Green, who entered the bank to make his daily deposit of post office funds was relieved of \$196.00 in bills. Mrs. Sam Carlton, I. D. Mueller and Floyd Hierman were the other customers to enter. The bandits left the bank in much the same leisurely manner as they entered and started south in their car at a slow rate of speed. The employees of the bank soon found a key in the vault to open the iron gate and rushed to the street to give the alarm. Law enforcing officers in neighboring counties were notified but no trace of the robbers could be found.

In December our local Red Cross held a Christmas party in the Town Hall with gifts of new toys, etc., for some of the children of the community. Those planning the affair were Miss Winifred Ashley, Mrs. Minnie Baird, Mrs. Albert Knoepfel, Mrs. Elmer Thorne, Mrs. E. L. Kendall.

The year of 1934 started off with many citizens of Bluffs hard hit with Typhoid Fever. The State Health Department has investigated several times and found many wells polluted. WE NEEDED A WATER SYSTEM! Free typhoid shots were being offered to all citizens.

Heavy snows hampered traffic on local highways in February, but Clarence Nortrup, rural carrier, was still making his rounds with car and horse and buggy. Typhoid fever was still prevalent in Bluffs and the C.W.A. Gravel Projects were making progress on the Fairview Cemetery and Exter-Bluffs roads. South Side Cafe opened under new management of H. C. Propeck.

In March our grade school won the Invitational Tourney at Jacksonville. A snow storm paralyzed telephone service with many poles falling to the ground because of ice and sleet. The Bank of Bluffs had resources of \$379,240.88.

In the village election trustees elected were Lafayette Six, Dick Baulos, M. R. Korty and J. R. Martin; Clerk - J. R. Robinson. Elected to school board: Charles Krusa to High School board; Royal Oakes was renamed President of grade school board with Clarence McCaleb and P. M.

Green to board trustees. Town voted to remain "damp" on the spirits question.

In May James Monta opened the Ocean Trail Park Dance Pavilion at Florence. It became the "in" place to go.

Graduating from the class of 1934 were: Bernadine Frohwitter, Byron Koch, Lena Mayes, Harland Lankford, Essie Henard, Marcella Phillips, Donald Korty, Laura York, John E. Schmidt, Alma Nortrup, Joe Ratigan, Julia Cloyd, Russell Hubbert, Helen Mayes, Ruby Bishop, Bernice Koch, June Brackett, Edna Ranft, Billie Chambers, Vincent Castle and P. L. Blansett was Supt. and Inez Boardman, adviser.

P. W. Barlow hit the newspapers concerning his two trained Marcus monkeys in August. A story clipped from the Peoria Journal-Transcript concerning the animals featured four large pictures and a story concerning his past handling of animals and the present site in Bluffs, where he kept the monkeys in his "monkey house" at the rear of his home. He became quite famous and performed many times with "Prince" and "Emma", the two pet monkeys.

A round trip at this time to Niagara Falls, a feature of the Wabash Railroad, cost you \$5.00. Hainsfurthers Clothing in Winchester was having a gigantic 77th Anniversary Sale, and Fred Muntman had a special sale on for a carload of Town Crier Flour. You could purchase a 24 pound sack for \$1.07 or a 48 pound sack for \$2.13.

T. Bernard Meehan was serving the public as postmaster.

In November, 1934 the Wabash Railroad began building stock yards at the west end of Bluffs. These were repaired and rebuilt until 1970, at which time they were torn down. Bluffs also had a new cheese factory.

In January 1935 the chief topic of conversation in our village was the much-needed waterworks. A big Public Discussion on Waterworks Plans was held and greatly attended by interested citizens. It looked as if we were to really get the waterworks this time.

Village election held with F. J. Muntman to be the new Mayor; trustees: H. P. Wolford, William Campbell, Henry Hubbert; J. R. Robinson as clerk and Harold Frohwitter as treasurer. E. C. Thorne and Gus Albers were elected to the high school board and Royal Oakes, W.A. Frohwitter and M. J. Baulos to the grade school board.

Benjamin Grote was named Superintendent to High and Grade School, and the Steamer "Idlewild" was making trips once again.

In May five loaded cars derailed west of Bluffs on the Highline. Frank Lyons, Frank Stanton, Lee Baird and Gene Shores were serving on the train. Bluffs Civic Club approved plans for a new public park, sites are still being sought.

Graduating class of 1935 was: Mae Bates, Ruth Hodgson, Nina Davis, Ruth Maxine Botterbusch, Celia Mains, Velma Thompson, Leslie Brown, Alfred Beeley, Rex Evans, Eric Nortrup, George Cannon, Ruth Baird, Eleanor Marsh, Mabel Krusa, Lorna Deterding, Lorraine Williams and Emaline Collins; Mary Crabill, adviser, P. L. Blansett, Supt.

In November, a contract for the new local waterworks was awarded to Foote Brothers of Jacksonville, for bid of \$50,380. PWA made a grant of \$23,500 on the project. Citizens were thrilled they were getting some water comforts at last.



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One of the old land marks of the 1930s' was the flag shanty, pictured above. Standing beside it is Daniel Harvey, one of Bluffs old timers, who carried the metal "stop" and "go" sign in the days before the flasher signals were installed by the Wabash railroad. It was considered a good place to stop and rest and in winter time, many a cold feet warmed themselves at the pot-bellied stove Mr. Harvey kept inside.

Christmas Greetings from the following Bluffs merchants: Steele's Restaurant, J. E. Wolford, Caither's Welding Shop, C. F. Cordes, Carlton Service Station, W. H. Green & Son, Bridgman's Service Station, The Gray Rose Cafe (Mrs. F. A. House and B. F. Parker), F. J. Muntman, Placke Service Station, Cockerills' Garage, Dugan's Barber Shop, Hiermans Dairy, Lyle Bates Funeral Parlor, Green Brothers Garage, Main's Barber Shop, Harold Bridgman's Meat Market, Leonard Points, Eastern Packer Buyers, Inc., Evans Tavern, Farmers Grain Co., Harry E. Chambers and Victor Knoepfel.

Seventy couples were married in Scott County in 1935.

Scott County teachers averaged \$807.52 for year 1935.

In January, 1936 it was announced that the local Water Works was ready for it's test run.

In February the WPA Recreational rooms were opened in the city hall and largely attended by young and old alike.

Dr. C. L. Johns from North Dakota, opened his doctor's office in Bluffs.

In April election Leroy Castle and Charles Rolf were elected to high school board.

Andrew Schultis, Leroy Castle, Raymond Morris and Ben Placke were named as Grand Jurors, I. C. Hardwick, Dave Leonard, John Ellis and Frank Bosse named to Petit Jury. Cordes and Benz opened an ice business here, and the Sperry Rail Testing Cars were in town to test Wabash rails.

Class of 1936-Roscoe Nortrup, Emma Lee Koch, Mardell Beeley, Mary Cabill Evans, Adv. Benjamin Grote, Supt. Robert Albright, Irene Westermeyer, Jane Dunham, Lyle Baumgardner, Mary Alice Schmidt Albers, James Thompson, Maxine Mills, Mildred Andres, Donald Davis, Melba June Ranft Smothers, Bill Bishop, Charles Rolf Jr., Bernard Beeley, Donald Smith, Verna Cannon, Margaret Robinson, Buddy Taylor, Byron Berry, Iona Lee House, Henry Warren Oakes, Frances Evans Wade.

In July the Wabash Railroad announced it had plans to build a new and modern coal shed in the west end of Bluffs, and trains were to stop to refuel when finished.

In September, 1936 citizens of Bluffs caught just a glimpse of President Franklin D. Roosevelt as his special train went through. Both Democrats and Republicans were on hand to view the most important man they knew.

"Homecoming Day" netted \$940. for the park fund.

In November, 1936 the Bluffs Home Bureau Unit was organized with Mrs. Ed Albers elected as it's first Chairman; Mrs. Raymond Morris was Vice chairman and Mrs. Dave Leonard secretary and treasurer.

Seven Wabash officials were guests of honor at the Civic Club Banquet: C. V. Davidson, Trainmaster at Springfield; George T. Berry, Traveling Freight Agent; L. E. Kennedy, Car Foreman of Moberly, Mo.; M. G. Clark, Division Freight Agent; A. V. Pyle, Supervisor out of Springfield; Arthur Gregory, Superintendent, Bluffs and James Cloyd, General Foreman of Bluffs.

H. H. Arnold was elected President of the Civic Club in February, 1937, with Harry Chambers serving as vice president, P. H. Vannier as Secretary and Clarence Nortrup - treasurer.

BIG NEWS hit the papers in April with headlines . . . . "GENEROUS CITIZENS GIVE PARK SITE" . . . three business lots in the center of the business district were gifted to the city by Mrs. Fannie Lewis and Mrs. E. L. Kendall, her daughter, as a site for a Municipal Park, hereafter to be known as Lewis Park. At the time the lots were occupied by the Civic Club open air stage, a two-story frame building and a garage building, The latter two were removed. The only restrictions to the gift were: title would revert back to the donors or heirs if town failed to maintain and use for park purposes only and Civic Club was to use funds previously raised for park purposes (\$850.00) to develop and beautify the site. Lewis Park is still a lovely, useful park in the center of Bluffs, thanks to the two ladies generosity.

The Town Board elected Knoepfel, Campbell and Martin for four year terms, Kilver, Cockerill and Vannier for two year terms. Muntman was the Mayor of Bluffs.

Twenty-six graduated from Bluffs Grade School.

Officers in 1937 for the Bank of Bluffs were: E. L. Kendall, President; H. C. Knoepfel, V. Pres. and Cashier, J. A. Knoepfel, Cashier.

Fifteen were graduated in 1937 from Bluffs Community High School.

Class of 1937-Marjorie Albers, Maynard Anson, Betty Ann Bates, Wm. Baulos, Laura Brockhouse, Albert Brown, Alma Mae Fogerson, Virginia Lee Green Wilday, Grace Likes Ellison, Wm. Merris, Francis Placke, Marvin Schroeder, Harold Seeman, Richard Thompson.

Scott County Drainage District bought a new diesel motor for the Scott County Pumping Station.

In May of 1937 Bluffs F.F.A. went to St. Louis for their annual trip.

C. E. Battelfelt was named Chief of the local Fire Department.

Charles Oakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Oakes narrowly escaped death when a tractor he was driving through Wolf Run Creek turned over pinning him in about 2 inches of water. Bernard Flynn who was riding with him summoned help by screaming to nearby farmers, while he held Charles' head above water.

In June of 1937 P.E. Lankford, Superintendent of the W.P.A. was busy surveying new sidewalks for the business area of town.

In June of 1937 John C. Adkins, Assistant Advertisement man of Block and Khul Store in Peoria, was promoted to Head Advertisement Department of same.

Bids were let for 3,000 yards of gravel for the local streets and additional 1,500 yards for the Road District No. 7. Harvey Thomas was Road Commissioner for District #7.

Harry Chambers was named Civic Club President and Dr. E.C. Thorne was named Vice President.

Earl Lovekamp completed training at the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago.

C.C. Carter found remains of ancient life in a boulder near Exeter.

In July flames broke out in an oil truck at the site of the Pine Oil Company here and threatened to destroy same. It was extinguished with much damage to the truck and platform of the Oil Company.

Wind and heavy rain did severe damage to crops on Tuesday of that week.

Arthur Likes and Robert Hennon invented and patented and electric stock driver for use on farms.

In August of 1937 Joe Bunch suffered a broken leg when an oil barrel fell from a wagon on him.

Thieves broke into the Muntman Store Sunday p.m. stealing around \$10.00. Entry was made through the rear window.

In September the annual three-day picnic showed a profit of 682.33.

In October A Boy Scout group was organized in Bluffs. Sponsored by the Civic Club, E.L. Kendall was chairman of the organization.

Naples celebrated their Centennial year.

Thieves broke into the local school, nothing of importance was reported missing.

Ted Stocks of Alexander announced plans to open a Restaurant in the Halpin Building formerly operated by Raymond Litz.

An architect from Jacksonville was hired to supervise planting of 200 new shrubs and trees in the local park.

In December of 1937 bids were open for the New R.E.A. Building and Station for this area.

In January of 1938 Maurice O'Brien announced his candidacy for sheriff.

Rebekah Lodge installed officers for the coming year, acting Past N. G. Mrs. Lee Korte, N. G. Mrs. Raymond Robinson, V. G. Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Sec., Berniece Seeman, Treasurer-Elizabeth Six, Warden-Ruth Baird, Conductor-Margaret Robinson.

The Bluffs Bluejays, coached by Cecil McVey, won the First Tournament Championship in the history of the school at Winchester before 300 Bluffs fans. A full page of Congratulations to the boys and their coach was featured in the January 1938 issue.

In February the bank officials met and Dave Leonard was elected to Board of Directors and Charles Wills appointed Assistant Cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. August Frohwitter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

In March the Bluffs Bluejays won the District Tournament, another first in the school history.

The Town Board approved plans for a \$55,000 sewer project.

T.B. Meehan, local postmaster sold twenty-two \$387.00 in U.S. Savings Bonds and ranked 12th in the State of Illinois.

The home of Carl Ritter, west of Bluffs, was totally destroyed by fire.

In April of 1938 Dr. E.C. Thorne and Gus Albers were elected to the School Board and Leroy Castle was President.

Byron Littig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Littig fell from a hay loft and broke both bones in his right arm.

Mrs. Sally Carver, pioneer of the village, died at the age of 90.

In May of 1938 an Outdoor Stage at Lewis Park was being built by Lankford and Clark.

The Class of 1938-Margaret Doyle, Ralph Henard, Norma Adams, Frank Schmidt Jr., Delmo Merriman, Alfred Hodgson, Elinor Andres, Bernadine Little, Wilbur Westemeyer, Mildred Thomas Riggs, Russell Smith, Jane Krusa, Delmore Myers, Vernon Little, Herman Magelitz, Phillip Moore, David Orchard, Norris Six, Mary Minna Abbott, Elmo Morthole, Mary MacDorman, advisor, Benjamin Grote, Supt.

In June a Library and Reading Room opened in the American Legion Hall.

Howard Rolf and Byron Marsh received State Farmer Awards.

Stores and business houses closed at noon on June 23, 1938 for the Dedication of Lewis Park.

The R.E.A. Generating Plant near Winchester was dedicated in June of that year.

James Baird was seriously injured when he fell 30 feet into a rye bin of the local elevator and Wm. Kilver received eye burns from chemicals while fighting fire that threatened the Bluffs Farmers Elevator Co.

July-The Legion Auxiliary President was elected-Mrs. J. Steele, V. Pres.Mrs. Clyde Arnold, Secretary-Mrs. Coin Mueller, Treasurer-Mrs. Albert Knoepfel, Chaplin Mrs. Elmer Seeman, Historian-Mrs. Clarence Nortrup.

Robert Garner was named Commander of the Charles Wolford Legion Post of Bluffs.

In September the Coal and Feed Business formerly operated by the late C.E. Cordes sold to Wm. Campbell who planned to continue operation of same.

Henry Oakes flew to Honduras as his first pilot venture.

Bluffs baseball team coached by McVey were Illinois Valley Conference Champs.

Gregory's Food Market held their Grand Opening October 22nd.

In November of 1938 Harold Bridgman and Leonard Points purchased the Nation Wide Store formerly owned by the late Victor Knoepfel.

In December a new Beauty Shop opened in Bluffs operated by Mildred Rodger and Venita Six.

In January of 1939 the Bluffs Bluejays won the Winchester Tourney for the 2nd year in a row.



Bluffs Firemen elected William Kilver President and Clarence Weiss Secretary for the coming year.

C. I. P. S. announced plans for a new generating station at Hutsonville.

In the February 1939 issue was a history of Scott County which was 100 years old that year. Bluffs was the youngest town in the county.

Federal authorities were investigating a bombing of the R. E. A. Plant near Winchester which did approximately \$10,000 worth of damage. The explosion was set off by dynamite.

In March of 1939 Duck Pin Alley opened in the Beird Building under the management of Max Edlen and Allen Carlton.

Bluffs Civics Club elected Charles Batley President, J. A. Knoepfel, Vice President, H. Bridgman Treasurer, and Harold Frohwitter Secretary.

In April Erwin "Bo" Weiss took over management of the Gulf Phillips Station formerly operated by Edwin Schuessler.

Elmer Gregory opened his Feed and Oil business in the Cordes Building.

The Class of 1939—George Dunham, Barbara Brown, Henry Kesterson, Bernice Lovekamp, Gene Newberry, Charles Oakes, Bess Seeman, Chas. Cloyd, Beatrice Lankford, Frank Davis, Aljene Mueller, Harold Kilver, Donald Dunham, Duenna Brockhouse, Elmer Cannon, Marcella Bates, Harold Arnold, Imogene Newberry, Howard Rolf, Margaret Baulos, Charles Hartman, Robert Dugan, Mary Hatfield, Byron Marsh, Leroy Goodin, Cecil McVey, Adviser, R. L. McConnell—Supt.

Heavy rains fell in July flooding streets and washing away sections of the Wabash R. R. Track.

August Damin was elected commander of the Charles Wolford American Legion Post.

Campbell Restaurant and Lankford Restaurant closed the week of August 2nd. Mrs. Floyd Hierman will open her new restaurant in the building formerly occupied by the Campbell Restaurant. Her new venture will be known as "The Barbeque Shop."

Mrs. Fred Muntman and Mrs. Harold Strublinger became critically ill from food consumed at the State Fair.

In September of 1939 an Insurance-Electric Appliance Store opened. Cuss Andres was in charge of Insurance and Scott Baulos was in charge of appliances.

In November work began on the sewer and disposal plant for Bluffs. Work was progressing rapidly.

The Rebekah Lodge celebrated their 40th anniversary.

In December the Bluffs Bluejays captured the Milton Tournament.

The Town Board authorized sewer revenue bonds in the amount of \$5,000.

In January of 1940 the following were elected to office of the Civics Club—J. A. Knoepfel, Pres., David Leonard, Vice Pres., Harold Bridgman, Treasurer, Harold Frohwitter, Secretary, F. J. Muntman, E. C. Thorne, Chas. Wills, Clyde Williams, and Harry Chambers and Fred Tuscher were elected to the Board of Directors.

The Bluejays of Bluffs High captured the Tournament Title for the 3rd straight year. Clyde "Scrub" Baulos scored 322 points for a record for most points in one year at B. C. H. S.

## Green Owned A 'Put Put' Car



J. R. Green, for years the only one in Bluffs who could make a balky chuck wagon go "put put", is pictured in one of the trail blazing Fords. It was a two cylinder and had to be cranked from the side. It would start, run and stop, and was equipped with pneumatic tires. Mr. Green had a work shop in the background and it was located where the Conoco Station stood north of Wolf Run Creek. His hobby was to teach new purchasers of these wild cars, how to drive, but keeping the early cars running was more important than driving them, and he had quite a reputation for being the "in" mechanic of the day.

The late Harry Oakes was the first owner of a car in Bluffs or Scott County and when he went on dates or took his girl for a ride in his one-seated, single-cylinder car, he often took Mr. Green along to drive.

Other early owners of cars were in order: Royal Oakes, Dr. C. A. Evans, John Whisman.

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According to the Census it was noted that Scott County population had declined with Bluffs undergoing the greatest decrease by 116 persons -- 953 to 837 for the village and 159 to 128 outside north Bluffs, and 106 to 89 south Bluffs.

Although the C. I. P. S. Company denied reports of the building of a new generating plant at Meredosia, the village was resounding with rumors to the contrary. The company was clearing about 80 acres of land recently purchased and much activity was occurring.

M. G. Moore was hired as Superintendent of Schools at this time.

In July H. D. Berger advised that the local elevator had shipped 32 car loads of wheat the week before. Cars averaged 1,470 bushels each and brought a price of 70¢ for No. 1 and 69¢ for No. 2.

A state wide floral contest was held and the Carl Ritter home on Naples Lane was named Scott County Farm Floral Winner by Governor Horner in the contest.

Ruby Siebenmann, James Lemons and Florence Bullo were new teachers hired for the school year in the unit.

Bluffs has gone modern in the last few years. Water and sewer service, something impossible except for PWA and WPA, has outmoded the Saturday night washtub (spit-bath) and two more business establishments have followed the residence trend which was fast eliminating the unsightly privy. Harry Chambers, local plumber, installed rest rooms in the Bank and in the Evans Tavern at this time; the sale of automatic heating units in Bluffs had already



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skyrocketed 1000% over the same period last year; coal stokers were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gregory, the Harry Chambers, the Clarence Nortrup, The P. M. Greens, the Royal Oakes, the Ray Ranvenscrofts, the Roy Smicks, local grade and high schools and Jim Bingham. An oil burner has been purchased for the furnace at the Bank of Bluffs.

Bluffs went Democratic in the Presidential election in November and cast 221 for F. D. Roosevelt and 147 for Willkie in South Bluffs and North Bluffs went 184 for Roosevelt and 154 for Willkie.

Dick Comerford and Coin Omer Mueller had entries in the Baby Beef Show at National Stock Yards and their fat steers brought \$15.00 and \$12.00 respectively. Wendell Mathis, superintendent of the Naples school, received his Master of Arts degree October 15th from the University of Illinois. He had had nine years of teaching experience - two of them in the Naples school.

Play for the Bluffs basketball team were Baulos, Pond, Vortman, Little, Lankford, Mathews, R. Mueller, Dunham and C. Mueller.

A mysterious fire destroyed the barn belonging to Fred Middendorf outside town.

Prizes were awarded for the most beautifully decorated homes at Christmas time with first prize going to P. C. Burrus, 2nd to Mrs. Lillian Meier and third to Mrs. Glen Brockhouse.

In April, 1941 the C. I. P. S. Co. was granted a permit to build the new power station at Meredosia, consequently enabling many Bluffs and Meredosia men to gain employment.

The Village election was quiet but the sheriff was called to Naples. Elected to President of Bluffs was J. R. Martin, Trustees - James Steele, Francis Meier and William Campbell. Harold Frohwitter became village clerk, Glenn Brockhouse was named treasurer.

A big lightning and thunder storm hit our village, leaving about 1.9 inches of rain and damaging the C. I. P. S. transformers. Telephone service was out, in some cases for four days and basements was flooded as Wolf Run Creek went out. The Idlewild also made it's first run of the season about this time.

St. John's Lutheran Church had a new pastor installed - Rev. Samuel W. Jensen.

A Special Village School election was held and carried and Bluffs will have a Farm Shop at the school, 117 for and 29 against. An Ag shop will be a great improvement.

Paul Deterding attended Boy's State this year and Miss Gladys Chapman was Bluffs representative at Girl's State.

1941 seniors graduating were Frank Chambers, Mary Caroline Belcher, Clyde W. Baulos, Virginia L. Cloyd, Dick Dugan, Mary Campbell, Lucien Hodges, Virginia Marsh, Mary Francis Morris, Vincent Brackett, Bill Newberry, June Merriman, Robert Brown, Virginia Collins, Algene Belle Botterbusch, Dorothy Mae Seeman, Beulah Lorton, Coin O. Mueller, Vivian Bauser, Francis Little, Wanda Magelitz, Virgil E. Vortman, Leah O'Brien, Merton Abbott Jr., Donald Lee Little, Betty Jane Shea, Mary Ida Six, Ernest Dill, Rowena Gilman, Marion L. Martin, Donald Bunch and Geraldine Schmidt.

With a thundering crash that trembled the earth and was heard for miles, two Wabash freight trains hit head-on near Neelyville at 4 a.m. Saturday, June 28th, killing two trainmen and injuring two other crew members. Fireman H. L. Bailey and engineer H. L. Schultz, Decatur, both former residents of Bluffs, were killed by flying debris when they jumped or were thrown from the west bound which was coming down grade with 97 empties and three loaded cars. B. G. Frazer and Richard Dickens were injured and taken to Passavant hospital in the Bates ambulance.

Tragedy followed tragedy. Leland "Pete" Hierman met an untimely and tragic death in the cab of a truck near Roxana early the following Monday morning. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hierman of Bluffs.

Ray Green and James Baird were hired to drive the school buses for the following year.

In July, J. R. Martin, Mayor, made a public proclamation supporting the U. S. O. and a severe electrical storm hit Bluffs with over 2" of rainfall, result - much damage to farms and a little water in the local basements again.

In August, 1941 little Miss Bernita Rahe, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rahe was awarded Grand Championship, four firsts, a second and a third prize at the Scott County 4-H Club Stock Show.

A drive occurred to raise money for new band uniforms for the high school. Contributors were: Joseph Evans, P. H. Vannier, M. G. Moore, Wayne Masterson, Floyd Hierman, Scott Baulos, M. R. Korty, P. M. Green, H. E. Chambers, F. J. Main, Harold Bridgman, Ben Placke, Fred Muntman, Clarence Nortrup, Henry Berger, Bluffs Farmers Grain Co., Dave Leonard, Charles Wills, Vera McCaleb, Royal Oakes, T. B. Meehan, Francis Meier, Gerald Sturgeon, Hugh Moore, Vernon Nortrup, Gus Andres, Bluffs Garage, Kenneth Bridgman, Jim Dugan, Jim Chance, Dr. E. C. Thorne, Dr. Mayfield, C. C. Klinefelter, R. V.



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Thomas Meehan, 80, ex-State Legislator and State Senator, died at his home after an illness of several months the latter part of November.

War was declared and tension raised in Bluffs, as many of our local boys were already serving in various parts of the country and world. Others prepared to enlist and leave for service.

Bluffs students were told what to do in case of an air raid and Scott County Tire Board was formed. Duties to decide just who would receive tires (which became very hard to get) and when they would receive them. Sugar and gas ration boards were also formed.

In January of 1942 the C. I. P. S. Company began to excavate dirt and begin work on the new power plant at Meredosia and the Wabash Rail road notified Bluffs that trains #2 and #3 would continue to operate. "The Goose" was better than nothing, was the opinion of everyone concerned.

Miss Betty Lovekamp won the "Good Citizenship Award" and Lankford, J. Dunham, R. Campbell, Chambers, Mathews, C. Hatfield and Pond were on the Bluejay basketball team.

In February the U. S. Army made its first draft call and included William Baulos, Charles Lee Hartman, Norris Lee Six, Harry Fred Magelitz, Elmer Elliott Cannon and Clarence Bunch.

The most devastating "Flash Flood" in the history of

Bluffs hit this area early Monday morning, March 16th, and damage estimated at thousands of dollars resulted when Wolf Run creek left its banks, flooded homes, washed out the Wabash tracks, broke levees and covered the yards and streets with mud and debris. Without warning and catching most of the populace in bed, the flood water started down the railroad track in the east part of town to a depth of 18" and gathered current as it swept through basements and even homes, on its way to lower ground west of the Round House.

Sand and mud silt from the creek and nearby hills covered the town to a depth of a foot or more in places. Soil from the freshly plowed gardens was picked up by the swift current and carried to the yard next door or sped on into old Dickerson lake. State highway snow plows were busy all day plowing the mud, logs and debris from the concrete road slab. The rain fall was recorded at 2.47" by Hugh Moore at the pumping plant south of town while the gauge of Royal Oakes recorded 2.97" of rain, all of which fell in about 40 minutes.

Those reporting to the draft in April were Austin Winkleman, George Magelitz, Rube Andres, Richard Finney, Robert H. Boes, Edward Richard Lizenby, Bernard Albert Seeman, with Geo. Magelitz in command of the group.

Citizens of Bluffs 'treked' to the school house Monday, May 4th for Sugar rationing registration and 777 books were issued the first day. Tuesday's total dropped to 125 for 902 registrations for the first two days. Registrars taking care of the crowd signing up were E. L. Kendall, Robert Campbell, Jack Nortrup, Caroline Mueller, Daphne Register, Verna Brockhouse and the grade and high school faculty.

Dave Leonard and Carl Ritter were added to the Scott County Draft Board.

Graduating in the 1942 high school class were: Jewel DeBusk, Billy Berry, Mary Nortrup, Jean Andres, Tom Main, Betty Lovekamp, James Oakes, Geraldine Fearneyhough, Jack Moore, Mary Kaltschnee, George Berry, Virginia Little, Al-



bert Mathews, Nina Mueller, Gladys Chapman, Vernon Lovekamp, Morris Hatfield, Marie Likes, Robert Campbell, Verna Brockhouse, Paul Deterding, with H. L. Price as class adviser and M. C. Moore as Superintendent.

The drive for U. S. O. funds in the two Bluffs precincts was completed for a total of \$208.49, an over subscription of \$98.49.

In July, 1942 the Wabash Railroad announced plans to lay rails from Bluffs to Meredosia, with new 110 pound rails instead of the formerly used 90 pound rails.



The old Wabash Depot, its outbuildings and Meehan Hotel, all long gone, in Bluffs, Illinois

The first part of July an old Bluffs land mark was razed by Otis Baird. It was the old Ballard and Johnson restaurant and Hotel building which had been purchased by Lottie Evans. It was last operated by James Steele, and its removal obliterated the last remaining evidence of what was during the hey-day of Wabash passenger service, the most profitable restaurant-hotel on the Moberly-Decatur division. Train schedules were so arranged that two trains stopped 20 minutes for breakfast, two for the evening meal, one at noon and one at midnight, while all the Keokuk branch trains were made up in Bluffs in the morning and terminated there in the evening. Local freights on the main line were terminated at Bluffs, also, and business boomed at the Hotel. During its hey-day the hotel had 15 employees and the waiters were uniformed at the lunch counter and in the huge dining room.

The Wabash track was washed out west of Bluffs for the fourth time this spring when heavy rains lodged drift in front of the Wabash bridges and the dammed water went over the rails. Floods here were so regular they used to tell that the track men brought in their tools for fear they would be washed away during the night. The rain this past week washed out the high line track and flooded the Woodson land twice in less than a week.

Bluffs held a giant "Scrap Rally" and Burgoon August 29th, with C. C. Klinefelter, chairman of the event. More than 50 tons were collected and 175 gallons of soup, 82 pies and

a goodly quantity of hot dogs and hamburgers sold that day. \$5.00 in war stamps were awarded to M. J. Baulos for the most scrap turned in - almost 8 tons; Dale Cockerill, Bud Mullens and Neil Parker won in the "under 16" division.

In September, 1942 high school enrollment was 134 with 115 signed up for grade school, and retired railroader Daniel Harvey, "Wabash crossing watchman" for many years, passed away and was given a military funeral with honors.

Both Bluffs doctors, I. J. Mayfield and C. L. Johns left for military service, and in October, Allen Metternich was

hired as Superintendent of Schools. Mileage Rationing books were available at the high school, and Lankford, Dunham, Albers, Chambers, Hatfield, Reed and Campbell were the stars on the high school basketball team.

In December P. H. Vannier resigned as President of the Volunteer Fire Department and left his job as publisher of "The Bluffs Times" and enlisted in the Navy, while his wife, Dorothy, volunteered for duty in the WAACs... Harold Frohwitter became the Editor of the local paper while the Vanniers were away and business manager of Meredosia Budget, and it was "business as usual". Appointed president of the fire department in Vannier's place was Hugh Moore, C. E. Battefeld

served as secretary, Francis Meier was treasurer and August Damin was fire chief, with Fred Cockerill and Floyd Hierman sharing honors as assistant fire chiefs.

Mrs. Frieda Parker was named Noble Grand of the Dawn Rebekah Lodge, with Mrs. James Baird named Vice Grand, Mrs. Nell Torrance Secretary and Mrs. Betty Kilver, Treas.

The Bluffs Library, a WPA project, was ordered closed Jan. 15, 1943, by the President, as WPA went out of existence. Citizens fought to keep it open.

C. C. Klinefelter was reelected President of the Civic Club and T. B. Meehan, local postmaster, enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve and left immediately for service in San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Velma Thompson Wendorff was appointed Acting Postmistress, and was assisted by Mrs. Mary Ida Six Adams.

Bluffs basketball boys brought home the P. M. B. C. Championship trophy, playing on the team were Campbell, Albers, Chambers, Hatfield, Reed and Comerford.

The team then went on to win the Regional Tourney at Jacksonville, but lost the Sectional to Perry in Quincy.

George Krusa was elected to the high school board. Harold Oakes was elected president of the grade school board, with Gerald Sturgeon and Floyd Hart to full terms and Ben Placke to a vacancy on the same board.

Trustees elected for the village board were Arthur Gregory, James Dugan and Fred Cockerill; Clyde Arnold - Police Magistrate and Vernon Nortrup - Treasurer.

WABASH DEPOT BLUFFS ILL

A downpour of more than 12" flooded Bluffs and its area again, washing out considerable Wabash railroad tracks (for the umpteenth time) below Naples. The school buses could not run and basements were full. Lots of country roads were impassable, and Wolf Run Creek was again OUT.

Bluffs took part in their first air raid warning May 25th (practice run) rousing the citizens at 5:30 a.m. Defense workers on duty were: Northwest part of town - Carl Arnold, Lyle Husband; North East - Lafayette Six, Charles Bates; Southeast - Enos Lacey; Southwest - Hugh Moore, George Smith; South - Charles Merris and B. H. Placke. Chief of Police was August Damin and P. M. Green was Air Raid Warden.

The graduating class of 1943 consisted of: Norman A. Vortman, Helen Price, Robert Freesen, William J. Mueller, Pauline Schmidt, Vernon Rahe, Nellie Jackson, Vernon Lankford, Dick Comerford, Wendell Moore, Charles Hatfield, Imogene Welch, Frances Pond, Daphne Grey Register, Gulford Collison, George Arnold, Merle Dunham Jr., Mildred Berghaus, Ralph Mueller, Caroline Mueller, Marie Westermeyer, Jack Nortrup and Wilma Bentley. M. G. Moore was Principal.

The community was shocked and saddened June 19th when the U. S. War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Castle of the death of their son, Lt. Vincent "Bud" Castle, age 26, in the European area. To date the Honor Roll in the Lewis Park holds three gold stars: Lt. Castle, Lt. Julian Meehan and Pvt. Elva Baird.

J. W. Doyle, who has been the oldest and a prominent business man in Bluffs for a number of years retired after 41 years in the general store business, Sept. 1, 1943.

Registration for Rationing Book #4 was held at the Bluffs School. Those registering had to produce Ration Book #3 and know the age of each member of their family for whom registering. . . Most everyone had a Victory Garden.

We thought that regardless of the many efforts of Bluffs citizens that things would get so bad, population decrease, business go to pot, that those of us left might just move out for the duration. . . Well, we fell better now as Floyd Hierman and his wife have had enough confidence in the Fair Village to build a new restaurant. . . work began on the new restaurant with P.E. Lankford the carpenter in charge. This new building promises to be a fine addition to Bluffs.

Notice -- Bring your old discarded jewelry to the Bridgman or Muntman Grocery Stores in Bluffs. These trinkets will be used by the soldiers to barter with the natives.

Dance at the Hyde Park Amusement Hall in Bluffs every evening except Sunday. Square dance every Wednesday and Saturday. Admission 35¢ per couple - Spectator-25¢.

Bluffs was among the many precincts to exceed their quota in the Scott War Drive.

Among the business houses in Bluffs to close in observance of Thanksgiving Day were M. R. Korty Produce; Vernon Nortrup Grocery, Chambers' Hardware Store; Wm. Green & Son Hardware; Bluffs Lumber Co.; Fay Main Barber Shop; Tuscher's Drug Store; Kroger Grocery and Bakery Co.; Dugan's Barber Shop. F. J. Muntman Grocery.

The Bluffs I. O. O. F. Lodge sponsored The President's Birthday Ball at the Bluffs School Gym on Jan. 26, 1944. This ball is held annually for the benefit of Infantile Paralysis Fund.

A Post War Planning Board was formed at Bluffs consisting of members J. A. Knoeppel, Henry Berger, H. L. Moore, C. H. Williams, Harold Oakes, C. O. Mueller, Harold Bridgman, Harold Frohwitter, F. J. Muntman, Jos. A. Evans, F. R. Hierman, Fred Cockerill and C. R. Wills. The purpose was to gather facts and figures pertaining to the source and to what extent jobs can be found to create a high level of post-war employment in the community.

The Bluffs Bluejays defeated Perry to win first place in the P. M. B. C. Tournament. Bluffs trailed a few points all during the first half, but at the start of the second half the Bluejays led by Chambers and Reed started connecting with the basket and although the score was very close Bluffs maintained their lead. On the Bluejay team were Dunham, Comerford, Chambers, Campbell, Merris, Reed. They later defeated Chambersburg in the District and moved on to the Virginia Regional.

All residents were cautioned about endorsing their gasoline ration coupons. They must endorse their coupons with license number and state of registration. This is to help wipe out illegal sales of gasoline.

Bluffs will again have a locker plant as Robert Trojan and George Lytle of St. Louis have purchased the Locker Plant property formerly owned by V. W. Mueller. It will be completely modern and have 400 lockers available when the extensive remodeling is finished.

August Damin was the Village Policeman and Hugh Moore the Deputy.

J. A. Knoeppel sponsored a contest on compositions with Emerson Chambers winning first prize, \$5, with a composition on the glider. Marcella Baird won 2nd, \$3, and Betty Hausback 3rd, \$2.

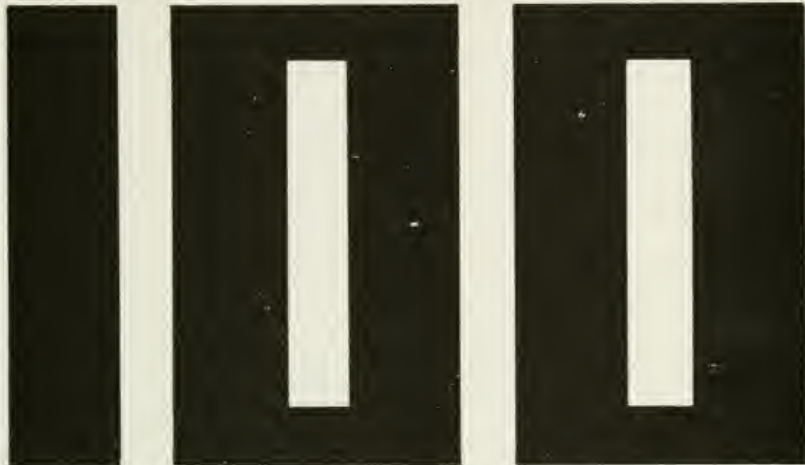
The Boy Scout Troop was a very active group at this time and in May Scout Master Harry Chambers took the following scouts to a Camporee at the new lake in Jacksonville, Charles Weiss, Archie Baird, Dale Cockerill, Dean Hart, Ted Parker, Jim Masterson and Neil Parker.

Orval Davis has been named new Manager at the Bluffs Farmers Grain Co.

The new slate of officers for the Bluffs Legion Auxiliary are President, Lois Knoeppel; Vice President, Ada Kopp; 2nd Vice President, Mae Chambers; Secretary, Helen Bates; Treasurer, Rosa Morris; Sgt. at Arms, Minnie Baird; Chaplain, Verna Arnold; Historian, Ruth Nortrup.

Members of the 1944 graduating class were Pauline Mathews, Horace Lloyd, Donald Kaehrlert, Leona Brown, Bob VanDeventer, Emerson Chambers, Bill VanDeventer, Dorothy Beltz, Leo Smith, Jessie Brown, George Deterding, June Williamson, Robert Gregory, Charles Bosse, Frances Bridgman, Shirley Green, Evelyn Stegemann, LeRoy Collison, Marcella Baird, Katherine Compton, JoAnn Comerford, Eileen Six, Wayne Worrall, Norma Mains, Nell Lemme, Vera Tash, Madeline Hoots, David Dunham, Gordon Campbell and Marguerite Cox; Allen Metternich was Principal and Miss Roberta Deere was adviser.

The Bluffs Community School started its 44-45 year with the following teachers - Miss Bernice Holnback, Earl Lutz, Dorothy Beach, Mildred Seeman, Verna Brockhouse, J. Harry Jordan, and Allen Metternich, Supt. Grades -- Helen Mains (1st & 2nd), Dorothy Cox (3rd & 4th), Mrs. Margaret Hatfield, Supt., with Mrs. K. W. Bridgman and Miss Norma Adams teaching the departmental grades.



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Memorial services were held Sunday, July 30th, 1944 for James Robert Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, at the Bluffs Methodist Church. He was killed in action over France on May 27th.

Rev. and Mrs. DeVaughn DeVore and two children moved to Bluffs, where he will serve as the new Methodist minister, and deliver his first sermon August 6th.

There had been no rain for several months for the community, and a full staff of teachers had been hired for the local schools, making the dead line according to a new law for teachers to resign by August 1st.

Close to \$900 dollars was taken in during the day at the annual Civic Club picnic, with a net profit of \$570. Two \$25.00 war bonds were given away at the close of the evening program to Mrs. Frances Comerford and C. E. Marshall of Winchester. Mr. Marshall later presented his bond to the American Red Cross.

Sept. 5th the 75x50' business property at the corner of Oakes St. and Wabash avenue in Bluffs was sold by R. G. VanGundy to J. P. Monta, J. A. Knoepfel acting as agent. During the past several years this property has been in the Van Gundy family, the rooms in the two-story, concrete block building thereon...which had over 6500 square feet, of floor space...have had various occupants, such as telephone exchange, furniture store, dry goods store, grocery store, amusement hall and living quarters. Mr. Monta intended to repair, remodel and redecorate the building so that it could be used as a factory by some desirable manufacturer.

A sewer was installed at the Bluffs Methodist church, with 21 men working throughout the day and evening to lay the pipe and everything was ready for the plumber, Harry E. Chambers to make final connections. Assisting with the work on a volunteer basis was: Bert Beltz, C. C. Klinefelter, Bill Jones, Fred Tuscher, W. N. Taylor, Harold Oakes, Harold Frohwitter, Earl Lutz, Leroy Castle, Royal Oakes, E. L. Kendall, Fred Weiss, Lee Morris, Raymond Morris, DeVaughn DeVore, Roy Smick, Hugh Moore, Harry E. Chambers, Paul Smith, Leo Paul Smith, Fred Munman and Grover Beeley.

Leonard Adams of Naples was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a welcome addition to the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters he was previously awarded, while serving as a top turret gunner and engineer in the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Miss D-Day".

Headlines in the paper read "Local Soldier Member of Outstanding Infantry Regiment in Italy". Pvt. Ralph Jones Rifleman, was serving with the 351st Regiment in Italy, one of Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army units that helped to drive the Germans from the Carigliano River to the Arno. Except for a brief rest period, the regiment marched and fought almost continuously for more than five months. Part of the 88th Infantry Division, the first selective service infantry Division, to come overseas in World War II, the 351st was the first element of that division to enter combat. In addition to being the division's first regiment to enter combat, the 351st was the first regiment to arrive overseas, first to arrive in Italy, first to earn a Distinguished Service Cross, and first to receive a battlefield promotion.

The Dawn Rebekah Lodge of Bluffs celebrated their 9th anniversary of the founding of the order, Sept. 13th. Mabel Green read a paper on the "founding of the Rebekah Degree", Norma Smith gave a Piano solo; Donna Rose

Members of the 1940 graduating class were: Virginia Mae Albers, Florence Albright, Junior Andres, Harold Baird, Albert Beltz, Bernard Bishop, Wilmont Boes, Charles Collins, Edna Crater, William Daub, Mildred Lee Frohwitter, Kenneth Hierman, Leland Hierman, Pearl Jackson, Doris Lovekamp, Jack Magelitz, Opal Merris, Newton Moore, Russell Mueller, Helen Nortrup, Armilla Orchard, Velma Rahe, Laveme Rolfe, Doris Schuessler, Velma Schuessler and Raymond Smith.

Merris sang two solos, and Mrs. Rachel Torrance gave a reading.

Work on some of the village streets of Bluffs got underway and though considerable work was completed there was still more oil and gravel to be spread. The Water Works road was graded and graveled and David Leonard sold more than \$475.00 worth of apples in one day at his orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis VanHyming received a telegram Oct. 16th from the War Department informing them that their son, Pvt. Edward VanHyming had been wounded in action and was in a hospital in France.

The Bluffs Bluejay baseball season ended with a score of two wins and two losses; and a fire struck the farm of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Woodson.

The War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones that their son, Pvt. Ralph J. Jones had been wounded in action in Italy, while serving as a rifleman in Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army; and M. J. Baulos and the USO sponsored a free show at the high school.

On Nov. 26th, relatives of Virgil Mueller received word that he had been seriously wounded in action in Italy the 11th of November; and Andy Benz was reported missing in action in France.

Roscoe Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Funk, of Exeter, who had been previously reported missing in action, was confirmed by the Navy Department, as dead in the Pacific.

The "Cooners" were having their annual coon supper December 8th at the "Shack" on the Illinois river north of Naples, with Jimmy Monta; and the Bluffs Bluejays received their first set-back against Carrollton Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Evans reopened their Tavern and Restaurant in Bluffs Dec. 15th. It had been closed since summer due to ill health.

Two Bluffs men were burned to death in the Host House Hotel in Shawneetown December 14th. Ervil Josiah Baird, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Baird and Harry Franklin Crow, 40 were two of the victims of a fire which killed four.

Pvt. Barry Yeck, 29, former Exeter resident, was killed in action on the European front Nov. 30th; and Lt. Leroy Pond was decorated with the third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, it was announced by the Eighth Air Force.

Capt. Richard A. Morrissey of Bluffs, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious services in Italy. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrissey.

Earl Spencer of the C.I.P.S. Co. was at the village board meeting, concerning the service Bluffs was receiving. He promised the community improved service. The month previous the village board had deducted \$10 from the city street lighting bill because the lights had not been on from dusk to dawn and certain lights were out for more than a reasonable length of time.

Andrew Bentz was reported at this time as being killed in action Nov. 8th in Germany. He had made his home in Bluffs before enlisting for service, with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Middendorf of the Rural Route.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan were notified by the war department that their youngest son Richard, had been killed in action December 26th in Belgium.

In January of 1945 Bluffs had their first bad interruption of water service since the system was constructed in 1935. Water Supt. Hugh Moore noticed the previous Saturday morning that the water pressure in the system had dropped and that by pumping full force he was unable to keep the pressure up. Volunteers helped check the system for the leak, a section of the town at a time. At about 11 that evening Harold Oakes and August Damin found the break at the Chambers Hardware Store in a 4 inch main. About 150,000 gallons of water had been lost by this time and it had cut out a cavity in the blacktop and road large enough to bury a car. Roy Smick, water man for the Wabash, assisted in the work and pumped several thousands gallons of water from the Wabash pumps to the Village tank in an effort to keep pressure in the lines.

The town was upset when several windows were broken in the City Hall by snow balls on a Sunday night. Notices were posted that anyone caught throwing snow balls or any other missiles at windows, buildings or street lights would be arrested and punished to the full extent of the law.

Sgt. Alfred Enke was slightly wounded in action Jan. 3rd in Belgium, according to information received by his wife, Rowena Gilman Enke.

T. B. Meehan, Bluffs Postmaster, received a telegram Feb. 7th, telling him that his sister, Mary Meehan Harries had been liberated from the Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila and that she was well and safe. Mrs. Harries came in the Philippines since 1935 with her husband, Col. Herbert L. Harries, who died on Corregidor, and Mrs. Harries and her brother, Lt. Julian Meehan, had been captured by the Japanese and held prisoner. They were still unable to confirm exact welfare of him.

Harold Frohwitter, editor of Times while P.H. Vannier and wife were in service, wrote editorial concerning condition of the roads. We quote "This is a subject that we do not like to mention, because we know that those in charge are working under a great handicap with the shortages of war and the weather as it has been. But on the other hand, it is a situation that should be remedied. Starting back in the early 20's the horse drawn hearse in many communities were discarded. The automobile and improved roads made this possible. Since that time both have been improved, but in Bluffs during certain times it is again necessary to revert back to horse drawn conveyances. Those in charge of our roads, we feel should make it a point to see that highways to churches and cemeteries are kept open so that traffic other than horse drawn, can travel at all times. The people of the community have a right to expect this convenience and those in charge should make it a point to remedy the matter.

About \$700. damage was caused by a fire in the smoke room of the Bluffs Locker Plant Feb. 8th; and the St. Louis Post Dispatch reported an NBC broadcast from Santo Tomas internment camp by Mary Meehan Harries, who stated her brother had died during the infamous death march from Bataan, and that the internees never lost hope because "we knew Gen. MacArthur would not let us down."

Fred Cockerill and M. J. Baulos started work on a new modern building to house the Bluffs Garage. Besides work on cars and tractors the new garage will serve as headquarters for Allis-Chalmers farm machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Castle were presented with an Air Medal with an Oak leaf cluster in behalf of their son, 2nd Lt. Vincent R. Castle of the U. S. Air Force, who had been killed in England, June 19, 1943 when he crashed in his Thunderbolt fighter plane, and the Purple Heart and Presidential citations were awarded posthumously to Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan in behalf of their son, Richard, who was killed in action in Belgium Dec. 26, 1944.

The Meehan family received a letter from Mrs. Harries in February, 1945, which we felt was so poignant that we have reprinted it in its entirety:

February 9, 1945

Dear Folks:

I'm not going to write much except to tell you that despite everything, I am fine. It's been tough going, and I only weigh 107; but I'm really well and that's not just to make you folks feel good.

I have sent 2 letters, but of course we are anxious to get out as many as possible, especially in the last day or so, to reassure you all.

I don't know of course just what news, personal news, you may have had, but judge from letters from Army friends, that you must know that Herb and Mickey won't come back with me. Some day I can tell it all to you, but anyway let me tell you there is no surcease for grief like pride, and I know when I can tell you that you all will be as proud of my two boys as I am.

Its been a long hard pull and we have been in the power of a people WHO ARE INCREDIBLE, and that we are even alive is a miracle. If I could only make you see and know our joy, our thankfulness, for our deliverance, if I can some day tell you what it means to walk again free. It has made us all appreciate a thousand fold the priceless privilege of being Americans and I believe I can truthfully say that we have held up the flag too -- these devils have humiliated us -- broke us -- never -- and we have starved on our feet (tho I admit pretty wobbly) -- they never got us to our knees. As for me, I want to get home to you all -- to my own people who will make me forget these long frightened and hungry lonely nights -- and I'm certainly going to enjoy being a grand auntie to all these new kids.

Now once again we are under our own flag -- greeting so many old friends who are in the Army of liberation. It's all been so dramatic we are stupefied -- really. No telling what will happen yet -- its not over -- the thing I want you all, if anything should happen to me, to remember that I BEQUEATH YOU A HERITAGE OF UNDYING HATE for the Japs. Never, never forget it. I hope to see you all, before too long, until then, Adios.

Mary

Mr. and Mrs. George Beckey received a message from the War Department March 9th stating that their son, Pvt. George Richard (Dick) Beckey had been seriously wounded in action in France Feb. 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester V. Newberry were informed by the war department that their son, Pfc. William Newberry had been killed in action March 17th in Germany. He was serving with the infantry in the Seventh army at the time of his death.

Lt. Morris R. Hatfield was awarded the Air Medal in Italy and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lawson, Sr. of Exeter, received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Pfc. Bert Lawson, Jr. had been killed in action in Germany March 18th. He was a member of the 1st Division of the 1st Army.

William Kilver and August Damin found 500 mushrooms, over a bushel basket full Sunday, April 8th.

The entire nation mourned the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt; and a vast task faced Truman as the new president.

Pfc. Oscar Robert Freesen, Jr. was wounded April 2nd in Germany and T-Sgt. James R. Campbell was posthumously awarded the Air Medal, Oak-Leaf cluster. He had been killed in action over France May 27, 1944, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell.

Mrs. Raymond Lloyd received word that her husband, Sgt Raymond Loyd was missing in Germany. He was later declared killed in Action March 29th.

Second Lt. James L. Goodin received an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for bombing attacks in Germany; and Evert Thompson, son of Everett Thompson, had died in Turkey while serving in the Merchant Marines.

Graduating with the senior class of 1945 were: Eileen Albers, Mary Beth Cox, Betty Merriman, Pat Tüscher, Delbert Reed, Mabel Pond, Robert Smick, June Eloise Baulos, Alta Nortrup, Evelyn Chambers, Esther Jean Chambers, Herbert Lovekamp, Nona Collins, Tom Comerford, Norris Merriman, Wilma Brockhouse, Doris Stegeman, Verla Leib, Ann Nortrup, Lester Huseman and LeRoy Freesen.

Word was received of the death of Vernon Gilman, former Bluffs resident; and Germany surrendered to the Allies, an all-out effort was begun to end the war with Japan.

Sgt. Grant Little was presented a Certificate of Merit "In Recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty; and heavy rains occurred in this section, causing much damage.

In May, 1945 War Production board granted the CIPS co. permission for the building and installation of the first 50,000 kw turbine engine together with the 138,000 volt transmission line to interconnect this new electric station with that Company's Hutsonville Power station in Crawford county on the Wabash river, at Meredosia, Illinois.

Over 150 Meredosia Budgets and 275 Bluffs Times were going to the men in service each week.

A Rabies quarantine existed in Bluffs and Road District #7 for a couple of weeks, due to a rabid dog biting a child, and the child dying; and Scott County citizens went to the polls June 4th to vote on a Tuberculosis Tax. The tax carried in Scott county 835 to 219.

Radios were out of use in Bluffs for three days because a falling tree had pulled two CIPS wires together. When the fire flew all radios amplified the story. Blooey!!!

The following business houses gave to the baseball fund: Bluffs Times, F. J. Muntman, Mrs. Orval Davis, Bluffs Farmers Grain Co., Harry Giesendorfer, Harold Bridgman, Bluffs Garage, Hierman's Cafe, Paul Green, Chambers' Hardware Store, Phillip 66 Service Station, Sheets Pool Room, Paul Smith's Trucking Service, James Dugan's Barber Shop, Bob Parker's garage, Andres Insurance Agency, Charles R. Wills, Sears Lumber Co., Nortrup's Store, David Leonard and Roy Smith.

Pvt. Ross Cox of Merritt arrived at his home safe and sound after two years and five months of internment in Nazi Concentration Camps in East Prussia; and Lt. Brice Irving of Chambersburg is home, having escaped a German prison camp. Bluffs citizens were generous in the War Loan Drive in Scott County - North Bluffs, \$4,931.25 and South Bluffs, \$393.75.

Her bright eyes sparkling at the thought of rejoining her husband, First Lt. Dorothy H. Vannier started for home June 27th after receiving her discharge at the Training Center in Ft. Des Moines, Ia., as a result of her husband's separation from service. P. H. had been released from the Navy, having seen service on the U.S.S. Meade in the South Pacific since Aug. 1944; and Pvt. Ralph J. Jones was cited by the 351st "Spearhead" Regiment of the Fifth Army's 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for proving his fighting ability in combat.

Ninetey-Eight and the Extra Train collided head-on at Naples at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 3rd. Both engines were badly damaged and several freight cars loaded with coal and gravel were derailed. Several wrecks have occurred in the Bluffs vicinity, the first being in 1897, according to records furnished by Gene Shores and taken from the Bluffs Times. This was a head on collision between No. 70, local freight and No. 95, double header, west bound, in which Anderson, the engineer of No. 95, was scalded by steam and died shortly after the wreck. The last big wreck prior to the July 3rd wreck, occurred in the "Curve Trestle" and was a head on collision between No. 3 and Extra 2259 west bound, in which Carl Miller, fireman on No. 3 was killed when he jumped from the engine and struck his head on a tie, and Engineer Bert Blethen was injured in the wreck.

Pvt. Robert Brackett was killed in action in the Pacific in 1945, on May 31st, and friends and neighbors gathered at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vannier to help put up hay. Mr. Vannier had been ill several months. Many soldiers were returning to Bluffs at this time, on furlough or receiving early discharges from service. It looked as if the war might end soon.

Announcement was made that the Middlebury Electric Clock Co. would open a factory in Bluffs, which would provide employment for men and women of all ages.

The Farmers Grain Elevator at Bluffs had been more than busy when the weather had permitted the combines to operate. Trucks were in line for unloading late into the evening and it wasn't until 0230 that the switch was turned off on the feed grinder. Harvest always means long hours and tiresome work to the elevator folks, but think of the winter when there isn't much to elevate, but---coal and snow!

The local American Legion post sponsored a "Welcome Home, GI JO and JANE" ceremony at the Bluffs Theatre Oct. 10th, under direction of Comm. T.B. Meehan.

Graveling of the road from Bluffs to the county line near Neelyville was progressing rapidly.

Ben Placke sang his swan song at the Muntman grocery in the middle of November when he retired from the grocery business to open an electric appliance business of his own. During his 19 years at Muntmans he assisted in training and worked in cooperation with the following: Scott Baulos, Mrs. Lilly Graham Wolford, Julia Cloyd, Jack Moore, Erwin Weiss, Bill Merris and Hester Bunch.

According to information received from Gene Shore's scrapbook in reference to Bluffs and its vicinity for 1945:



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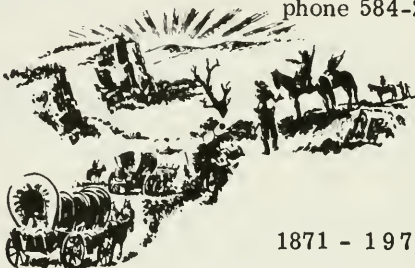


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24 couples were united in marriage, 10 births, 20 deaths, 5 sudden deaths, 7 traffic accidents, 13 persons slightly injured, no fatalities; 1 seriously injured; 3 fire alarms, all minor damage; 3 large picnics, one accident, (Sonny VanHynning hit with pop bottle), all in Bluffs. For Naples, Exeter and Oxville: 35 deaths, 1 killed, railroad accident; 1 killed, traffic accident, 1 suicide, 2 found dead, 2 couples divorced, 1 runaway girl found and returned and 1 serious accident.

In 1946 Harold Frohwitter was elected President of the Civic Club, P. H. Vannier - vice president, Harold Oakes and Fred Muntman were Secretary and Treasurer; Executive committee - E. C. Thorne, C. C. Klinefelter, H. H. Kilver, B. H. Placke, Harvey Vortman and Charles Williams.

Hope of the forthcoming clock factory, went glimmering and died this week, January 23rd, 1946, due to conditions beyond the control of the Middlebury Clock Co. of Beardstown.

In February, a chimney fire destroyed the Fred Korty home south of Bluffs. The fire engine, using water from the cistern at the burning house kept the flames under control and saved two nearby buildings, and interested citizens were volunteering to repair the Phillips Ferry Road west from the Mauvaisterre creek at Oxville, putting a cover of sand on the black mud. Private donors of time and equipment were: John Griffin, Gus Albers, Moody Barrett and son, Howard; Lem Little, Herbert Hale, Albert Coultas, George Krusa, Lyle Husband, Frank Krusa, Lee Berry, Charles Krusa, Elmer Atkinson, Walter Cumby, John Warren, Charles Commerford, J. Young, F. Jones, Bob Jones, Joe Smith, Roy Sawyers, Carl Arnold, William Kilver, Harold Kilver, Bernard Jarvis, Howard Buhlig, Emory Gregory and the Maple Grove schoolboys.

Charles Wolford Post #441 purchased the large stone building originally built to house the Andre and Andre furniture store and were raising funds by public subscriptions to pay for and equip the building as a home and place for recreation.

The voters selected Harold Oakes as president of the grade school board, with Art Hoots and Fay Main, members; George Krusa was elected as member of high school board.

Members of the 1946 graduating class were: Leona J. Baird, Bob Berry, Charles Berry, Thomas Brackett, Maxine Cockerill, Alvin R. Davis, Emily Deterding, James M. Deterding, Edward Dunham, Walter Gregory, Henrietta Mae Hart, Louise Hitt, Frances Lee Hoots, Merle E. Korty, Dan R. Likes, Leland H. Littig, Helen McMurray, Robert D. Merris, Virginia Stinebaker, Bette Lou Tuscher, Mabel Lou Thompson and Agnes J. Westermeyer; and railroaders in Bluffs went on strike the latter part of May.

In June a flash flood hit Bluffs and more than 3" fell, flooding the streets and depositing layers of sand and silt on the side walks of the city. Accompanying the rain, the electric lights dimmed and at 7 p.m. electricity ceased for a three hour period. The local theater began its show when the lights came on and patrons left about midnight.

Harlan Little had been hard at work for over a week, trimming the shrubbery around Lewis park, and in general approving the appearance of the place; and 73 housewives in Bluffs wrote a letter to U. S. Senator Scott W. Lucas in Havana, Illinois, asking for more sugar for canning purposes.

V-J Day 2 was celebrated in Bluffs, with the following merchants welcoming boys who had worked for them: Kroger

Store - David Dunham and Everett Tankersley; Bluffs Times-P. H. Vannier, Dorothy Vannier and Alfred Hodgson; Bluffs Garage - Donald Frye and Guss 'Barney' Andres; Central Motor Sales - Robert Taylor; Bank of Bluffs - Glenn Brockhouse; Texaco Station - Francis Meier; Chambers Hardware-Emmerson Chambers; Smith Trucking Service - Leo Paul Smith; Damin Plumbing - Grant Little; Korty Poultry Co. - Merl Korty; Muntman's Grocery - Jack Moore and Sears Lumber Co. - George Arnold.

In November corn is being husked from the experimental plots on the Royal Oakes farm. Students of the high school and various interested farmers assisted Mr. Oakes and the men from the University of Ill. Agricultural Research staff and Miss Margaret Doyle was serving the local community as the telephone operator.

Merchants advertising in the Christmas Issue of The Bluffs Times Dec. 25th, 1946 were Hainsfurther's Shoe Store, Emory Gregory - Bluffs Stock Yards, Lukeman Clothing Shop, Gift Nook, Campbell Bros., Hopper & Hamm, Midwest-Order Buyers, Rolf's Store, Sheets Billiard Hall, Central Motor Sales, Bluffs Lumber Co., Polly's Beauty Shop, Giesendorfer's Market, Myers Bros., Chambers Hardware Store, Placke's "66" Station, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meier, Meier's Texaco Station, Bluffs Locker Plant, Paul B. Smith, Jacksonville Novelty Co., Fay Main Barber Shop, Mrs. Margaret Watson, Hopper's Shoe Store, M. C. Parker, Gustines', Sears, Roebuck & Co., Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Thorne, Bates Funeral Home, Korty's Poultry, Muntman's Grocery, Hiernan's Restaurant, Dr. O. E. Berry, Clyde Hurlinger Trucking Service, Flora's Beauty Shop, Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan, Bank of Bluffs, Marshall Chevrolet Co., Bluffs Garage, Sears Lumber Co., Evans Restaurant, Bridgman's Nation-wide Store and Electrical Appliance, American Legion Post 441 and Auxiliary, Godfrey's Shade Shop, Kroger, Bluffs Farmers Grain Co., Peerless Bread Co., Bassett's Jewelry Store, Klump Oil & Tire Co., Walker Implement Co., Evans & Patterson, Hainsfurther's Dress & Drygoods Store, P. M. Green, Hardware; Kilham's Hainsfurther's Clothing Store.

Other highlights of the year 1946 were: Bill Baulos was assigned to the Illinois State police force; the Wabash handled 14 troop trains through Bluffs in 48 hours in January, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Vannier purchased the old M. E. Church and stated intention of converting into an apartment house, Preliminary work was started on the new bridge across Dresser ditch, the high school board hired Leroy Goodin as coach, Bluffs suffered a bread shortage when Jacksonville bakers went on strike, and a greater portion of the country was blacked out due to a coal strike; engineers and trainmen went out on strike, Placke's Service Station added a grease room and a display room for their line of electrical appliances, Jack Moore was named Commander of the Bluffs American Legion Post and "Jack", a German Police dog owned by Horace Loyd, joined the organization.

A Resolution to Build A Better Community, was sponsored by the following organizations who earnestly believed in the community, and who pledged their every effort to help make it a better place in which to live and do business: The Village Board Members, Bluffs Methodist Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bluffs Civic Club, Bluffs Household Science Club, Floy Chapter O. E. S., Scott Lodge 702 IOOF, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bluffs Jr. Women's Club, Dawn Rebekah Lodge, Boy Scouts, Merchants and Professional Men, and Every Bluffs Citizen.

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*Henry Oakes was born in  
this house 1848 Sept. 3.*



At one-time labeled the "oldest residence in Bluffs," now torn down, was the Henry Oakes home. He was born in this house Sept. 3rd, 1848.

In January of 1947 Huge Moore, Superintendent of the Water Works Department of Bluffs, lost two fingers while working near the village well.

Mr. and Mrs. William Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green purchased the Midway Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Archie Baird.

The Bank of Bluffs became a member of the Federal Reserve System in 1947.

P. H. Vannier was elected President of the Bluffs Civics Club.

Scott Lodge #702 I. O. O. F. conferred the 1st degree to Newton Gregory and Orville Gathard.

In May Charles Sheets opened a new billard room and tavern in Bluffs.

Robert Bingham took over management of the pool room.

The First Directors for the Scott County Soil Conservation District were elected. They were: Claude Bean, Fred Muntman, Ed Wilson, Lloyd Workman and William Worrell.

Bluffs Community High School graduating class of 1947-Lois Korty, George Smith, Alvin Marsh, Alyce Beckey, Margie Davis, Bernice Holnback, Advisor, Allen Mettemich, Principal, Carroll Sears, Janet Robbins, Ronald Gilman, Norma Jean Gregory, Wayne Stanberry, Donald Schone, LaVerne Baird, Dean Hutton, Imogene Beltz, Fred Davis, and Marjorie Merriman.

Bernita Rahe was selected to represent Bluffs at the Illini Girls State.

Jim Chambers was selected to attend Priemier Boys State as delegate from our area.

In July 1947 the Civic Club purchased a bronze plaque to honor the war dead of W.W.II. Names to date inscribed on the plaque were: Andrew Bentz, Alvie Baird, Gerald Bloyd, Paul Hayes, Wm. Newberry, Bert Lawson,

Vincent Castle, Roscoe Funk, Robert Campbell, and Julian Meehan.

Bluffs was "perking up" with buildings, remodelings, and repairs...there was a lot of building, remodeling and repair work going up in the north part of town other than previously mentioned. The Middendorf sisters, Lottie and Minnie, had had a barn torn down and were able to salvage considerable good lumber. A good portion of this material and some new, went into a new garage, the concrete floor of which had been laid. Chapin carpenters were doing the work. L. C. Hayes is building a new garage at his home to the south of the house and facing the west. The sheeting now encloses the building and

will be covered with white shingles to match the Hays' home. Lyle Bates has improved the main entrance to his funeral home by having a double width concrete sidewalk laid. It will serve as an added convenience for funeral processions. Mr. Bates also made some interior improvements. Mrs. Harold Fitzsimmons left on her return to Milwaukee last Thursday after a several days visit with her husband who is associated with Robert Bingham in the operation of his pool room. Mrs. Fitzsimmons will return to Bluffs as soon as the property of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Pyle is ready for occupancy. Much progress has been made on the remodeling of the house the past ten days and there is every indication that it is going to be a nice place in which to live. Two rooms are being thrown in together by the archway method to provide a larger living area, closets are being built, additional windows provide more light, cabinets will go into the kitchen and new bath equipment will go into the house. A new green roof, some foundation work, new concrete steps, etc., have already added distinction to the house and it is an asset to the neighborhood. Mrs. Anna Middendorf is having extensive concrete work done at her home. Concrete ledges in the basement have been removed, dirt dug out and along with the foundation work some floor improvement will be made.

Clyde Propeck and his men put in basement steps of concrete at the C. C. Kleinfelter home last weekend and laid a considerable footage of cement walks.

In September of 1947 the I. O. O. F. Lodge announced plans to build a Theatre on Paul Green's lot between the IOOF Building and Tuscher Drug Store.

The bride of Bernard Beeley arrived here from the British Isles. They were married in December of last year.

The Scott County Marketing Association expected to open the Wabash Stock Yards in Bluffs in the near future.

Work is progressing rapidly in the Farmers Grain Company's new elevator. Sixty or more men are engaged in the work on a twenty-four hour a day basis.

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Meredosia, Illinois

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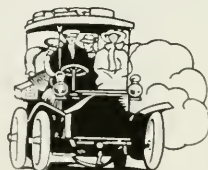
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## Lovekamp's Garage

Delmar Lovekamp, owner  
Truck Testing Station, Class B

Meredosia, Illinois

phone 584-2161



October of 1947-Mrs. Margaret Watson and Mrs. Donald Merris will present their piano recital students at the Bluffs Methodist Church. The public invited.

Two of the Smith Trucking Firms trucks were totally demolished on the Florence Hill. Both drivers escaped without serious injury.

The bridge over Mauvaisterre creek on the Naples mail and Bluffs school routes, fell into the creek under the weight of a heavy tree which was being moved from Dist. 7 by Commissioner George Mageitz. The cost of replacing the same will have to come from County Road funds.

Freese's bulldozer broke ground for the IOOF Theatre building October 4.

In November of 1947 Harold Bentley of Naples narrowly escaped drowning in the Illinois River near Naples when the boat he was riding in struck a hidden log and collapsed.

Steel beams were erected for the new I. O. O. F. Theatre building being constructed between the Kroger's Store and Tuscher pharmacy.

Open House was held at the Bluffs Parsonage of the Bluffs Methodist Church Sunday. Extensive improvement was done to the home during the past summer.

The Eastern Stars of Bluffs held Installation of Officers in Bluffs.

Earl Bennett, formerly of Naples now playing with the Spike Jones Band, enjoyed visiting with home town folks recently while the band was playing an engagement in Kansas City.

L. I. Westermeyer was named Scott County Corn Grower for the year with a field producing 84.52 bushels per acre in a five acre plot.

Ralph Comerford died of burns received last week when the papers he was reading caught fire in his lap and burned his clothing as he carried the newspapers outside. He died two days later at Our Saviour's hospital.

Miss Catherine Anderson, manager of the Bluffs office of the Illinois Telephone Company resigned her position and was to leave the office Dec. 22nd.

In January of 1948 a new Ford truck was purchased and delivered to the Bluffs Fire Department. M. J. Baulos took the chassis to St. Louis the first of the week to have the pump installed which takes about six weeks.

City water Superintendent Hugh Moore announced that the water in Bluffs will be softer now due to the new pump which shoots the water at a rate of 200 gallons per minute.

The P. T. A. sponsored a well attended Mother-Daughter banquet.

Mrs. Harold Frohwitter was chairman of the Red Cross Drive for Bluffs and netted \$274.25 for the cause.

Vernon Lankford, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Lankford was seriously burned and a patient at Illini hospital in Pittsfield resulting from an accident in the basement of his home.

A cob burner is being erected at the site of the Bluffs Farmers Elevator. It will be a much needed improvement for the company.

The Bluffs Oddfellows presented the 2nd annual Dixie Minstrel on May 14, 1948. All local talent, which was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd attending. Melvin Dalhaus and the Orchestra of Bluffs were also support-

ing the cast. The event was held at the Bluffs Gym.

Members of the graduating class of Bluffs High School for 1948 were: Harvey D. Andres, Alice Jane Albright, Richard M. Brackett, Florence Jane Brackett, Jean Buhlig, Donna Marie Boes, Mary Patricia Berry, Martha Campbell, James H. Chambers, William O. Chambers, Dale Cockerill, Rose Compton, Orval D. Davis, Betty Deterding, Margaret Lucille Fletcher, Elda Hutton, Eileen Litting, William Merris, Patricia Ann Merriman, Betty Mullen, Bernita Rahe, Joyce Rebbe, Edna Mae Rowe, Harold Six, and Melba June Vortman.

Miss Doris Stegemann and Miss Wilma Brockhouse were graduated from Carthage College during commencement exercises held June, 1948.

The new "Od-Re" Theatre owned by the IOOF and Rebekah Lodge will open Wednesday June 16, 1948.

The new Meredosia CIPS electric plant now supplying "Reddy Kilowatts" to lines in June.

Severe damage resulted from a hail storm in June, crops were ruined, hogs, chickens were killed and it was recorded to be the heaviest hail storm in our history.

The wooden platform of the outdoor stage in Lewis Park was receiving a stone-faced concrete block wall with a concrete floor.

A page one banner across the June 30, 1948 issue of the Times stated: "Oddfellow and Rebekah Picnic and Burgo Saturday, July 3, Bluffs, Illinois--All day and night". They were featuring 500 gallons of Burgo and \$500 worth of fireworks displays.

The town board met and approved money for the oiling of the Bluffs city streets.

Earl Pond, 48, of Beardstown, the local representative of the CIPS Co. was electrocuted when checking a transformer south of Mt. Sterling.

Frank Chambers was elected Commander of the Bluffs American Legion Charles Wolford Post.

In the July 28th issue of the Times headlines were Flood water, mud and wind damage heavy in the Bluffs and Neelyville area.

A dynamite explosion at Meredosia claimed the lives of Russell Owens, V. G. Perry, 35, and Carl Beauchamp. Two other men were seriously injured in the explosion. The men were returning riding in the back of a truck, when the dynamite which was left over from a sewer opening job they had been on, exploded in the truck.

Lt. Vincent Castle was killed in air action in the European theatre of operations during world war II, his body was returned to Bluffs for re-burial in August of 1948.

Highway patrolman Charles Batley was seriously injured and moved to Barnes hospital in St. Louis when the patrol car in which he was riding was in pursuit of a stolen vehicle and a truck pulled into the path of the patrol car.

Paul 'Wuz' Johnson was killed at work September of 1948. He was working on a car and was killed by 110 volts of electricity.

James Baird received serious injuries when he fell from a ladder while painting at the E. L. Kendall home in Bluffs October 12th. He fell some sixteen feet and was taken to the Passavant hospital where he remains a patient for treatment of the injuries.



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The 1949 Frazer was on sale at the Bluffs Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kendall donated the former property of the Bluffs Telephone Exchange to the village of Bluffs to be used as a library.

Order of the Eastern Star of Floy Chapter elected Virginia Lemme as Worthy Matron and Earl Albers as Worthy Patron for the upcoming year. Mrs. John Korty only charter member of the O. E. S. present at the installation of officers.

Dawn Rebekah Lodge elected officers for the year. Mrs. Wm. Lemme elected Noble Grand, while Mrs. Orville

Gathard elected Vice Grand, Mrs. James Baird, Sec., and Staff Chaplain and Mrs. Donald Mullens, Treasurer.

Heavy damage from ice and sleet did considerable damage in January of 1949 to homes, power, light service.

Harold Bridgman elected as President of the Bluffs Civics Club and C.C. Kleinfelter, Sec. Donald Sloan, Vice. Pres., and Fred Muntman Treasurer.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hullinger at the east edge of Bluffs was destroyed by fire Sunday Feb. 13, 1949. Mr. Marion Hullinger was asleep in the bedroom and escaped without serious damage.

St. John's Lutheran Church was to dedicate the new organ at services Sunday.

Bluffs Junior Woman's Club was to sponsor a card party to benefit the proposed Youth Center for the Village.

The Student Council of Bluffs High School made a visit to the Office of the Secretary of State in Springfield the last week of March, 1949.

Harold Oakes was elected to the County School Board in April.

A fire of unknown origin damaged the St. Patrick's Catholic Church here. Damage was estimated at about \$100.00.

Mrs. Guss Andres was elected President of the W.S.C.S. in April.

Little Lee Frederick narrowly escaped drowning in a gold fish pool at the home of Mrs. Mamie Knoepfel Water was considerably deeper than he could wade. He waded in over his head trying to retrieve an arrow he shot from his miniature bow and arrow. Grant Little rescued the child from a sure death.

Betty Tuscher, Evelyn Chambers and Patricia Tuscher graduated from Nurses Training in May of 1949.

The Bluffs Farmers Grain Company poured the concrete for a new scale pit.

Richard King, 33, Bluffs, has been appointed a patrolman for the State Police force of Illinois.

The 1949 graduating class of Bluffs High School consisted of the following: Harry Brown, Raymond Campbell, Roy Griffin, Kenneth Hutton, Lorene Kaehlert, Berkley Little, Joan Lau, Neil Parker, Erma Jean Parks, Howard Six, Harlan Schone, Leo Smith, Jr., and Robert Lee Smith.



Once a bustling railroad depot, the local depot now sports but one building. In former days, Bluffs served as one of the hubs of much activity, and sported a big railroad yard. Many employees worked out of here, and officials visited daily. An era gone by, even though about eighteen trains now pass through Bluffs daily.

Thousands of pounds of fish were killed in the drainage ditches leading to the Scott County pumping station last week when liquid, sprayed from the air to kill cut worms, poisoned the water.

The annual Oakes Wheat Day was to be held June 17th on the Naples-Bluffs road.

A faulty journal on a freight car caused it to leave the track east of Bluffs Saturday morning and 1,600 railroad ties were damaged along with one switch and a frog.

The Neelyville Church was to receive a full basement with kitchen, dining room, rest rooms and a new heating system in the near future.

Trudy Hierman, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Collins of Jacksonville formerly of Bluffs died of burns sustained that morning when her clothing caught fire while she was playing with matches.

Harry Brown was awarded the Farm Degree at the 21st Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Much remodeling was being done on the Bluffs School in preparation for the opening of school in the fall.

Charles Wolford Post elected the following officers: Commander George Krog, First Vice Commander David Dunham, Second vice commander Robert Priest.

The Bank of Bluffs was making preparations for the observance of their 56th year of business.

Harold "Tweed" Baird was seriously injured Sunday afternoon August 13 when the motorcycle he was riding plunged thru a ditch and board fence at the Leroy Pond home on State Route 100.

Mrs. Roy Vortman was seriously injured at the home of the Leo Nortrup's when a tree they were felling, fell on her and broke her leg in two places.

O. E. S. Installed officers in November for the coming year. Mrs. M. C. Parker as Worthy Matron, Mrs. Cynthia Newberry and Chaplin and Mrs. Glen Brockhouse as Marshal.

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BROCKHOUSE POWER PLANT was owned and operated by Fred Brockhouse, pictured above on left (2nd man unknown), who furnished the power that was available for the street lights and homes. As electricity was just coming into "being", Mr. Brockhouse became one of the most important men in Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hierman announced in December of 1949 their cafe, which has been in operation under their management for the past ten years would close its doors to business December 10th.

Bluffs Masons installed officers for 1950. Arthur Hoots was Worshipful W.M.

Frank Chambers was enacted in January of 1950 to head the Bluffs Civics Club.

The W. H. Green & Son Hardware Store will close within the next few weeks, and in its place two new businesses will be established. Miss Vera Chambers will open a beauty shop in one portion of the building and Mrs. P. M. Green will have a "Ready to Wear" shop in the other portion.

The Bluffs Kroger Store was broken into over the weekend. Over 100 cartons of cigarettes and bacon were reported missing.

Contracts were let in February of 1950 for the Municipal Water Plant at Meredosia.

The Od-Re Theatre is under new management as of March of 1950. It is now being managed by J. Ogden Sears.

Mrs. Clarence Mueller was named President of the Bluffs P. T. A. at their final meeting of the year. She will assume her duties in the fall.

The homes of the following were receiving remodeling work during June—The Bruce Hutton home, the Gus Albers home, The Harry Geisendorfer home and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Comerford. The home of C. O. Mueller is receiving a face-lifting by way of a new paint job.

The graduating class of 1950 consisted of the following: Doris Albers, Stanley Baulos, Russell Collison, Walter Deterding, Joyce Fletcher, Harold Meier, Cynthia Sailer, Edith Angel, Wayne Buhlig, Betty Crum, Roger

Emerick, Reva Hearold, Dorothy Merris, Billy Joe Smith, Howard Hullinger, Carol Arnold, Vernon Cock-erill, Wanda Davis, Rita Evans, Wilbur Mathews, Irma Dean Mueller, LeRoy Vortman, George Richard Beckey and Harold Adams.

The operator of the Bluffs Depot a few years ago, C. C. Klinefelter, visited H. H. Arnold in Meredosia and also the Bluffs Depot on a recent visit to this area. Mr. Tewkesberry was the agent at Bluffs when he was the night operator.

The new Filling Station and Cafe nearing comple-

tion at the junction of Routes 100 and 36 will be operated by Joseph Evans and his brother Gerald, according to reports received here.

Coming events listed in June of 1950 were: Legion Picnic July 15, Exeter Burgoo July 27, IOOF Picnic July 29th and Civic Club Picnic August 5th.

Harold Oakes was elected President of the school board, Hierman's Gamble store opened with row after gleaming row of all kinds of items for sale, and the C. I. P. S. Co. was using 50 to 60 car loads of coal daily via the Wabash Railroad.

Frank Chambers was elected president of the Bluffs Civic Club, George Krusa was vice president, F. J. Mantman was treasurer and C. C. Klinefelter was secretary.

Raymond Arnold, John Arnold, and Mrs. Clyde Propeck was called to jury duty.

The old Arundel Livery Barn was razed next to Central Motor Garage, and the Bluffs Locker Plant was sold to T. B. Meehan, then took over by Central Motor Sales, who were DeSota-Plymouth dealers.

The Bluffs City Hall collapsed Thursday, August 10th, amid a shower of flying boards and debris, and Robert Long, CIPS Service man for Bluffs and Meredosia, was killed when he came in contact with a hot wire as he was trying to shut off electricity to the building. Five others narrowly escaped death under the tons of brick and mortar. Citizens rushed to the scene following the thundering crash, but it was five minutes or more before the cloud of dust cleared away and it was known that all workmen were alive. Cliff Jones, Clyde Vanhyning and Moxie Crews, had been working at the site, as had Donald Korty, who had just entered his station wagon when the building fell on his car, crushing the car roof in, as Korty dived to the floor uninjured. Long had been eating lunch when called to the scene of the building cave in. Despite artificial respiration by Jake Dunham, P. H. Vannier Leroy Pond, Charles Bates and others, Long was believed to have been dead when he fell backwards and hung from the pole, according to Dr. O. H. Berry.

Officers were elected in August for the Charles Wolford American Legion Post. They are: Leroy Pond—Commander, 1st Vice Commander—Henry Likes, 2nd Vice Commander—Richard King, Adjutant—Frank Chambers, Finance Of-



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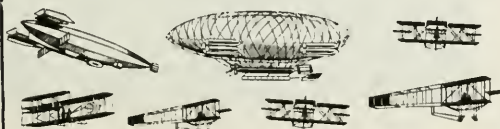


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ficer Wm. Chambers and Chaplain J.A. Knoeppel.

Land was secured by the Scott County Cooperative Marketing Association from John Pine on Route 100 just south of Bluffs to construct a stock yards. The Marketing Association had been using the Wasbash yards west of the depot.

Spectators saw their first football game in Bluffs the 21st of September, 1930 when Meredosia ran up a basketball score and held the Bluffs team to a zero. . . football was all new to Bluffs. They have a band that had a lot of practice and as one proud loser said after the game, "The Bluffs Band out-marched the Meredosia Football team!"

Fire of unknown origin damaged the apartment over the Post Office last Thursday Morning. Considerable damage was done to the apartment. The mail, ready for distribution below the apartment was moved into the street for safety precautions.

In September Harry Rueter of Winchester had been raising the old wooden metal covered grain elevator in Bluffs and about all that remains now is the shed covering the east driveway into the concrete elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis VanHynning of Bluffs, received a telegram from the Government in September that their son William had been wounded September 7th in Korea. He is now in a Veteran's hospital for treatment.

Samuel L. Murdock was hired to serve as superintendent of the Bluffs schools, coming here from Boring, Mo..

The Methodist Church exterior was undergoing a "face lifting" in the form of pointing, and Freesen Bros. were completing a metal machine and equipment building on one of the lots purchased from the Emma Batley estate.

Funeral services were held for Harold Crum who was injured in a football game and hospitalized for a head injury. His immediate cause of death was listed as pneumonia. The lad was 17 years of age.

December, 1930 "Best Wishes" at Christmas Times in The Times came from the following Bluffs merchants: Bank of Bluffs, Bluffs Garage, Robert Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Main, Central Motor Sales, Paul B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore, Meiers Texaco, Bluffs Hardware Co., Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan, Margaret Watson, Bluffs Farmers Grain Co., as well as other well known merchants outside the Bluffs area.

Harold Frohwitter was the only Justice of Peace in Scott County and William Kilver was installed as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Bluffs.

In January 1931 Raymond Arnold, Mary Damin, M.J. Baulos, Bernice Bridgman were ordered to report for jury duty; and George Kursa was elected president of the Civic Club; Jack Moore, Vice President; F.J. Muntman treasurer; C. C. Klinefelter, secretary and Harvey Vortman, Clyde Williams, J. O. Chambers, Charles Krusa, James Parker and Henry Kilver, members of the board of directors.

One tank car and a box car were thrown off the main line January 9th and two other cars were telescoped near the city waterworks when a train was being made up. Traffic was at a halt until a wrecker arrived from Decatur.

Playing on the Bluejay team at the high school was Watson, Little, Deterding, Barnett, H. Edlen, and Evans.

On Thursday, Feb. 2nd nineteen freight cars piled up in the Wabash railroad yards in Bluffs, when a car left the track and plunged into the steel coal chute just west of the depot. Section men nearby narrowly escaped injury in the

accident which destroyed an estimated \$100,000 in property and tied up the main line until Saturday.



Pictured to the left is coal chute that was wrecked. Prior to the building of this one, Dan Harvey used to tell how he went to work in the OLD coal chutes in 1892. It was situated near the present hard road crossing. On March 10, 1896 opened the shed, scooped and dumped the first ton of coal to the late Thomas O'Brien who was on engine No. 47. Mr. O'Brien's fireman was Jack Mains. The old chute was torn down and replaced by an automatic chute, destroyed with a bang!

A burned out journal was credited with causing the wreck. The truck on one of the cars, in the diesel drawn freight going west, left the rail near Neelyville and damaged the track and switches into Bluffs. It was noticed by Clyde Goodin, crossing watchman, but too late to warn engineer Bernard "Young Fizz" Vannier. Automobile carburators, wheel bearings, radiator grills, coal, soy bean flour and other merchandise were scattered over the snow when the steel cars split wide open by the impact which toppled the steel coal tower onto another freight car and carried it a distance from its concrete moorings. Hundreds of spectators visited the wreck but the sub-zero temperature kept them moving.



When train knocked the c shed down at Bluffs.



In November 1950 the Gulf Station changed hands. Jerry Hatfield sold his interest to Don Moore, who took over the business Saturday morning.

Margaret Watson was installed as Worthy Matron and Arthur Hoots as Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis VanHyning again received word that their son William was wounded a second time in Korea. The wounds this time were not believed to be serious. He was awarded the purple heart for his endeavors in the Korean conflict.

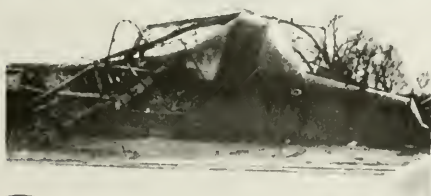
William Kilver was installed as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge No. 846 of Bluffs on December 20th.

Double funeral rites were held Monday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. George Burrus of Bluffs who were found dead in their home Friday morning as a result of bullet wounds. Mr. Burrus shot his wife and then committed suicide.

In April C.R. Wills, cashier of the Bank of Bluffs, was elected president of the Illinois Bankers Association, District 5, at a meeting held in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn have taken over the Gulf Service Station in Bluffs. Mr. Flynn was formerly employed at the Wabash Round House.

The graduating class of 1951 consisted of the following: June Albers, Helen Barfield, Paul Boehs, Franklin Campbell, Roland Deterding, Harold Edlen, Shirley Gathard, June Kesterson, Johnnie Merriman, Gerald Hoots, Lucy Jackson, Darlene Mueller, Shirley Parker, Lorene Rebbe.



The Mueller homestead about two miles northeast of Bluffs is still owned and operated by Bernard ("Barney") Mueller's granddaughter, Henrietta Schweer. (May 31, 1971)

Center: Bernard Rudolph Mueller with his wife Marie Elizabeth Brokamp Mueller and their four small children, Ed, Fred, Oscar and Lewis. (Annie Marie Adeline Nortrup died in Childbirth when their daughter Lena Christine was born.) At the well: Dietrick J. Mueller. Standing: Lena Christine Mueller (later Hallowell) Holding horse: John Mueller. In the buggy: Anna Margretha Mueller (later Schweer) and Barbara Vortman who became Mrs. Wm. G. Mueller in the fall of 1891.

It would be impossible to estimate the monetary value of the farm products, such as butter, eggs, poultry, meats, vegetables, fruits and nuts furnished to Bluffs residents from this farm during this century, but by legend Rudolf sold his first bushel of peaches to John Onken of Chapin.

Emily Schone, Barbara Tuscher and Jack Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Woodson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June of 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brockhouse are grandparents of a sixteen pound baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brockhouse near Winchester.

William VanDeventer and Paul Albers, both of Bluffs, and Terrance Marz, age 4, of Chicago, are dead as a result of a head-on collision of two cars early Sunday morning August 3 near the Wm. Ash home on State Route 36 east of Jacksonville. Burl Hart, also a passenger was hurled thru the windshield. Others in the crash were not badly hurt. There were three others involved in the tragedy.

Joyce Rebbe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rebbe graduated from Nurses Training.

Eddie James lost the sight of his left eye recently when driving hogs at the Arthur Likes farm. His eye was pierced with a thorn.



Officers were elected for the Bluffs Legion Post #441 for 1952. Commander was William Kendall.

Bluffa A. I. & A. M. installed officers for the year. Worshipful Master was Frank Chambers.

Bluffs Civic Club elected officers with Jack Moore as president, Harold Kilver Vice president, F. J. Muntman Treasurer and C. C. Kleinfelter Secretary.

In January of 1952 Dr. Harold Oliver opened his general practice in the office of Dr. Berry and has made his home with them for the present time.

Dr. O. H. Berry died in February leaving our town without a doctor. Dr. Oliver who came here a few weeks ago left due to technical difficulties with the Illinois Medical Association. Dr. Berry had been in business in Bluffs since 1943.

Dick Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn escaped drowning in the Mauvaisterre Creek when a tree he was leaning against gave away and plunged him into the water. His father rescued him.

Pernell Hutton took over management of the Gulf Service Station in April. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn sold him their interest in the business.

Bluffs secured the services of Dr. Albert A. Kuehn of Michigan. He will begin his practice soon.

Bluffs graduating class of 1952 consisted of the following: Jack Barnett, Joseph Evans, Harold Beddingfield, Vivian Rowe, Wanda Hutton, Wanda Stegeman, Susie Collison, Walt Schmitz, Donald Collison, Betty Jo Gregory, Janiece Smith Littig, Loraine Watson, Margaret Berry, Doris Ellerman, Barbara Andres, Karrie Albers, Vera Lovekamp.

Bluffs Odd Fellows elected Horace Grimes Noble Grand and Clyde Propeck Vice Grand.

Harold Arnold, Bluffs youth, was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant at Columbus, Ohio.

Work of re-building, re-sanding and re-graveling the filters at the Bluffs water plant were completed in August of 1952 according to Huge Moore, water superintendent.

Bluffs Elevator Man, Orval Davis was honored for 25 years of service in October.

The Gulf Service Station was sold by Pernell Hutton to Kenneth Boes who took over management.

A large corn crib and lean-to machine shed were consumed by a fire of mysterious origin at the Leroy Castle farm north of Bluffs. Approximately 2,700 bushels of corn were still burning three days later.

Central Motor Sales were showing the '53 Hudson at their showroom.

The two story frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mueller north of Bluffs was destroyed by fire Friday morning when an oil heating stove went out of control. Heat and smoke prevented volunteers from saving any of the contents of the home.

Bluffs residents were without water for a seven hour period Tuesday night. A 6-inch spur which leads from the water main to the Paul B. Smith Trucking Co. broke.

Harold Kilver was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club and Robert Friesen vice president in January 1953.

Ed Kearney was badly shaken up and Tom Bemis' knees were injured when a caboose and engine side swiped at a switch near the round house in Bluffs yards Sunday morning.

The worst snow blizzard of the year arrived with the beginning of March, snow drifts halted traffic on state highways Sunday night and there was no school Monday or Tuesday in Bluffs because of snow on county roads.

John Enke was crushed to death Wednesday morning when his tractor turned turtle as he was dragging a tree up the bank of a wide and deep roadside ditch. He was killed instantly.

Dick and Albert Coultas are in the process of building a Grain Elevator at Florence. The Coultas brothers are Winchester residents.

Donna Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Smith was chosen by the Bluffs School faculty to be the recipient of a scholarship for one week at the summer's Egyptian Music Camp.

Mrs. Leroy Pond was installed as President of the Bluffs Junior Woman's Club.

Charlotte Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Evans was elected to attend Girl's State for 1953.

The CIPS walk out of power generating employees continued into the second week without any change in negotiable problems and without interruption of service to the customers served by the utility in May of 1953.

The 1953 graduating class of Bluffs High School consisted of: Earl Tash, Fran Oakes, Clarence Huseman, Barbara Hutton, Gary Fearneyhough, Norman Little, Frank Grimes, Donna Hamman, Cecil Campbell, Leo Watson, Donald Merriman, Barbara McDaniel, Virginia Master-son, Imogene Lovekamp, James Davis and Shirley Kester-son.

In July the Bluffs Hardware Company was busy installing a foot operated water fountain in Lewis Park.

The Bates ambulance assisted in moving about fifty patients from the old Passavant hospital to the new structure last week.

The Bank of Bluffs, the oldest business establishment in Bluffs with continued service, will celebrate its 60th anniversary in August.

Pictured to the left is H. D. Kilpatrick and his pair of matched black horses used only with the hearse for funeral processions. Mr. Kilpatrick was famous for this pair of "blacks" and when he later purchased a brand spanking new motor coach, his horses remained a favorite of the community. The picture was taken in the early 1900's, and S. J. Sawyer is on left, Mr. Kilpatrick on right in seat of hearse.



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Pittsfield, Illinois

The "Spot Cafe" reopened Saturday under the management of Mrs. Charles Batley. It was formerly operated by Mrs. Myrtle Williams.

Hail stones as large as quarters did much damage in the northern part of Scott county where the area bordered the old Phillips Ferry road and went east. This occurred in late August.

Baird Brothers are busy razing the old metal covered truck entrance to the Bluffs Farmers Elevator and a new concrete block driveway with concrete floor will be installed.

Jess Batley's left arm was badly lacerated Saturday afternoon when his outboard motor backfired and the wooden handhold on the pull cord, which caught on the fly wheel, cut, tore and bruised his forearm.

Hubbert Gregory and Howard Savoie have formed a business partnership in radio, TV, electric stoves, gas ranges, furnaces, and other household equipment as of September 1953.

Hildegard Schaeffer was named Queen of the Bluffs Civic Club Homecoming for 1953.

Leroy Freesen of Bluffs and Miss Bonnie Blair of Winchester were victims of an accident on Route 104 east of Jacksonville Thursday evening when the 1953 Freesen Ford crashed into the side of a freight car on the Burlington switch leading into Mrs. Tucker's Plant. Miss Blair will be hospitalized for some time.

Huge Moore resigned his position as water superintendent at Bluffs and will move to Indiana in the near future.

Retha Phillips was named Homecoming Queen of the Bluffs High School in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris were celebrating their 49th year of married life, and Mrs. Wendell Brackett and Mrs. Cliff Hatch were returned home from a three week vacation thru New York State and Niagara Falls.

Jesse Batley leased the Gulf Service Station, Elmer Vortman was re-elected to office of Scott County Commissioner, and Erwin Weiss purchased the Barlow property sold at public auction and planned to open a restaurant in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Klinefelter started a moving trend in Bluffs when he transferred to Wabash duty at Mt. Sterling, and sold his home to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, who sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Swisher. The Jones' were glad to purchase the Klinefelter home, for it had been built by Mrs. Jones' grandfather, Thomas O'Brien for his wife and two sons, John and Maurice, and sold to the Klinefelters upon the death of Mrs. Julia O'Brien. It was like going home!

Freese Bros. of Bluffs and Vic Callendar of Pittsfield moved 40,000 yards of earth in 23 days for the new Pittsfield high school football field, parking area, etc., and Bea Dick, George Beckey and James Monta arrived home from southern Illinois with two large geese apiece for a couple of hours effort; and Katherine Gathard was installed as Worthy Marton and Oliver Chambers as Worthy Patron in early Nov.

Mrs. Charlotte Evans celebrated her 80th birthday on Thanksgiving Day and good neighbors cut wood at the Arch Taylor home, as Mr. Taylor had been quite ill with pneumonia in Our Saviour's Hospital for three weeks.

Graves, Edlen, Likes, Merris, G. Barnett, F. Barnett, Jackson and Kesterson were playing on the Bluejay team.

Christmas Advertisers in Bluffs Times Dec. 23, 1953 were: The Bluffs Garage, Charles Wills - Ins., Freesen Brothers,

J. M. Pine, Bluffs Hardware Co., Paul B. Smith Trucking, Bluffs Farmers' Grain Co., Guss Andres, Ins., Fay Main, F. R. Hierman Gamble Store, Muntman's Grocery, Bates Funeral Home, Bridgman Nation-wide Store, The D & M Tavern, Hutton's Texaco Station, Drs. Albert and Louise Kuehn, Freddie & Hildegard, H. Gregory Gas & Appliances, Donald Korty, Contractor; Hullinger Trucking Service, Howard Six, Trucking; Korty Produce Co., Bank of Bluffs, Central Motors Sales, Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan, Margaret Watson, The Bojayne Cafe and Placke "66" Service Station.

Many traveled to see the Nativity Scene in Lewis Park in Bluffs with a Santa Claus and eight reindeer added this year thru the generosity of Edward J. Lonergan and his artist, Danny. Capitol Press Service provided the talent and paint, the Bluffs Civic Club the board and Charles Merris transportation.

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Guss Andres and Mr. and Mrs. William Rolf, plus the Placke Service Station won \$10.00 prizes in the Christmas decoration contest.

In January, 1954 the Superway market, owned jointly by F. J. Muntman and Jack Moore, changed hands and Mr. Moore became the sole operator; and the D & M Tavern, operated as a partnership by George Dunham and Donald Moore changed to single ownership when Mr. Moore bought out Dunham's interest prior to January 1st.

The R. E. A. announced that it had established a service crew at Bluffs, with Allen Dale Coultas is lineman in charge and John Sandman as assistant.

George Krusa purchased a pressure irrigation system for agriculture use, which included a 150 hp Cummings diesel motor with centrifugal pump, valves and clutch together with 7,000 feet of 6 inch aluminum pipe with automatic couplings and headers.

The Bluffs Library Board announced that the library would be moved from their present place to the site of the former Illinois Telephone Exchange.

Lt. James Royal Oakes received the Bronze Star Medal in Tokyo and Mrs. Wendell Brackett was chosen president of the Bluffs Woman's Club for the coming year.

Donna Smith and Laine Comerford were crowned King and Queen of the Bluffs Band-Booster Carnival the last of February, and Mrs. Glenn Sievers was re-elected president of the local P. T. A. in March.

First Lt. Charles F. Hatfield, son of Mrs. Margaret Hatfield and the late Mr. Hatfield, was awarded Silver Wings of an Air Force pilot at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

A "closed" sign hung on the Tuscher Drug Store after more than a quarter of a century as a business in this community. Its owner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuscher, moved their stock of drugs and other merchandise to Pana, where they have established a partnership. Mrs. E. J. Kearney received deep burns when she was burned from ignited clothing which had caught from a discarded match thrown into a steel container as she cooked at her gas stove. Before the fire could be put out the kitchen, dining room and bedroom of the Kearney home had been severely burned.

William Campbell received a cash award of \$175 for the boiler unit improvement suggestion at the C. I. P. S. Co. plant at Meredosia, and was looking forward to a Current River fishing trip in June.

David Orchard was elected to the school board in Bluffs, and Mrs. Donald Merris was re-elected president of the WSCS.



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The old Lewis Hall was gaily decorated with stage decorations for the 1916 graduating class of Bluffs High School. Graduates were Zeta Merris, Marie Thorne Berry, Floyd Hierman and LaBelle Vannier Merriam.

Mrs. J. M. Pine was elected first vice president of the 20th District of Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs at the annual convention in Jerseyville. Mrs. Pine has been quite active in Women's Clubs for a long while.

Gerald Pahlman, Roger Hurrelbrink, Ronald Ehrlert, Carol Boehs, Judith Hurrelbrink and Janet Hurrelbrink, were confirmed by Rev. John Deterding, Pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church Palm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Rose and two children of New Berlin moved into the Arthur Sandman house the first part of May, 1954 and have purchased the Bingham Tavern, and Rev. Irl Schahrer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church accepted a call to Rockport, Indiana.

Two corn cribs on the "Vannier 80" opposite the Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller home on Naples Lane were blown down in a violent wind storm April 30th; and Mrs. Newton Gregory had been hired by the City Council as collector for the water and sewerage department.

The Bluffs Grade School Band, which started practicing as a unit January 1st of this year, won second place under the direction of Melvin Dalhaus at the State Contest in Herrin May 8th, five months later. While the band took second place in keen competition, the soloists and quartet, which also won the district meet top honors, were all rated first or second in the state contest, and Miss Yvonne Fargo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fargo, was chosen this year's recipient of the Egyptian Music Camp award offered by the local woman's club.

According to the local paper everyone was raising "hob" about the dogs running loose in Bluffs, and un-tagged dogs and "unclaimed" dogs when the assessor comes round. We liked Frank Patterson's answer to a 'disinterested Winchesterite' who urged vaccination. It was very pointed, we thought. .... "What they ought to do is vaccinate 40 or 50 Winchester men - they do more running around nights than our dog."

Graduates of the 1954 class were: Floyd Angle, David Arnold, Gary Barnett, Mary Lou Beckey, Shirley Booker, Dale Buhlig, Pat Christison, Dorothy Cumby, Bob Davis, Max Edlen, Berniece Ellerman, Charlotte Evans, Arlene Hart,

Darrell Hart, Ralph Jackson, Ray Jackson, Maureen Kroencke, Wayne Littig, Harold Merris, Ray Leon Mueller, Retha Phillips, Shirley Six and Marjorie West.

Bluffs Civic Club joined the Ill. Chamber of Commerce.

Guss Andres purchased the Tuscher Drug building and was remodeling it, in preparation for occupancy by Mr. and Mrs. Art Schuessler, his daughter and son-in-law of Los Angeles.

It was announced in June that the Closs-Marshall Chevrolet Co. had leased the parking lot from J. A. Knoeppel east of the Clarence Weiss residence on Oakes street and would open a used car lot.

A jury composed of Clyde Hullinger, Paul Welch, Melvin Christison, Howard Six, L. J. Kunkel and Marjorie Frohwitter served at a coroner's inquest which was investigating the slaying of Edward R. VanHynning, who had been killed by a shotgun blast by 'Wes' Walker. Military rites were conducted for VanHynning in Fairview Cemetery.

In a story concerning the deceased in 1945, it in part read: "He was wounded in action in France on Sept. 30, 1944, and besides the Purple Heart awarded for his injury he wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, the American Defense Service Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with 1 Silver battle star and 2 bronze stars (indicating 7 major engagements), the Bronze Service Arrowhead and a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. His 5 service bars worn on the sleeve above the cuff indicate 2½ years service overseas. He also received a Croix DeGuerre with palm decoration awarded by the French government for valorous service."

Erwin Weiss was named President of the first organization of The Bluffs Business and Professional Association, which will help promote Bluffs, and a more cooperative understanding among merchants and a more friendly relationship with patrons in the trading area. Vernon Nortrup, secretary; Harold Bridgman, Treas.; and P.H. Vannier, Vice President. Mrs. Kearney arrived home after 15 weeks treatment in Our Saviour's Hospital for bums and Miss Donna Smith was named delegate to Illini Girl's State.

Economy Drugs opened in Bluffs under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schoessler.

The Scott County Grand Jury returned a True Bill against "Wes" Walker, charging him with the murder of Edward VanHynning, and Shirley Parker Launer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Parker of Bluffs, was one among those graduating from Passavant Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

The Kroger Store closed Saturday, July 31st, under the management of Ralph Sturgeon, and will reopen as I. G. A. The I. O. O. F., the Legion, Civic Club, Gregory-Savoie Appliance Co., the TV Committee, and patrons on the rural route, and many other friends in Bluffs, joined together and purchased a TV set for Clarence "Dutch" Nortrup, who was in the hospital seriously ill, and for the first time in years, the taxpayer of Bluffs has a complete public accounting of the town's finances. The Treasurer, Earl Lovekamp, says his books are open for inspection.

Bluffs was struck by a heavy windstorm August 18th shortly after the supper hour, with much damage to trees, roofs, and TV aeriels were completely torn down or leaning; electric service disrupted until the following morning, and the street and highway cleaning details busy until the latter part of the week.

A Court Jury found "Wes" Walker guilty of Manslaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Propeck will assume operation of their diner, "Dots Diner" two miles south of Bluffs Monday, Nov. 22, 1954, which they had leased from Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kaufman.

The large barn and its contents on the Virgil Robertson place, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Freeman in Bluffs, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning in what was termed the hottest fire in many years.

In January of 1955 automatic electric installations were being put into the local telephone station.

Robert Freenen was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club for the coming year.

In February of 1955 Donna Smith was named Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The last steam engine operated on the highline out of Bluffs was to be discontinued here in the first part of the week but was out of service only one day. Reason: the small diesel sent to replace it was too light for the job.

Bluffs IOOF members have been busy volunteering their time in finishing the inside of their lodge room over the ODRE Theatre with new ceiling and hardwood floor.

In February 1955 the Allen Lumber Company was continuing to add more lumber and building materials to the yard and offer a few specials on another page of this paper in way of advertisement in advance of their opening date which will be soon.

Owners of the Damin and Frohwitter Hardware purchased a ditch digging outfit to use in conjunction with their plumbing business.

The advent of spring brought the worst snow and blizzard of the year to Illinois as schools and other public affairs were cancelled because of closed highways.

Sunday March 27, marked the Dedication of the new Fellowship Hall addition to the Bluffs Methodist Church and the Dedication of Memorial pulpit furniture and cross and candlesticks.

Donald Bunch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bunch was struck by lightning Monday afternoon while plowing in a field south of his home adjoining state route 100 south of Bluffs. He is in serious condition at Passavant hospital.

Donald Korty was low in the four sealed bids by contractors offered for the new house to be built by the Bluffs Civic Club.

The Enterprise Committee met in April and are making plans to secure ground for the construction of a concrete block building 40 x 60 to house the Bluffs Screw Machine Products Company.

Thieves forced the front door of the D and M Tavern in Bluffs sometime Sunday night and made away with approximately 450 to 500 dollars worth of cigarettes and whiskey and emptied the two cash registers.

In May the Economy Store operated by Mrs. Arthur Schoessler had been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones who will take possession June 1 following inventory.



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Members of the graduating class of 1955 were: Judith Albers, Charlene Bailey, Dick Bartholomew, Greg Campbell, Helen Dowson, Yvonne Fargo, Harold Graves, Jim Gregory, Mary Hart, Betty Hoots, Richard Kesterson, Raymond Likes, James Merriman, Roberta Mueller, Kathryn Shonkwiler, Donna Smith and Janice Buhlig.

In June of 1955 the Placke Frozen Custard equipment arrived and their business is open. The Placke 66 Service Station was remodeled with the west end changed into a custard shop and the drive-in space changed to provide for parking.

"Janet Lee Crafts" is the name for the new hobby shop to open Saturday noon July 23, at the home of Mrs. Vernon Haggard. The porch of the northeast side of the house has been equipped with shelves which provide for the displaying of the many plaques, figurines, pictures, trivets, etc. available for the first time in this vicinity.

Dr. Albert Kuehn, 37, Bluffs physician and his sister-in-law Miss Hildegard Schaefer, 19, were killed late Sunday night in an automobile collision near Curran, Illinois. He had practiced in Bluffs for five years. He leaves his wife, Dr. Louise Kuehn and two small sons. Reckless homicide charges were made against Kenneth D. Hayes, driver of the second vehicle involved in the tragedy.

In August Julian Ranft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranft, formerly of Bluffs was critically injured when he was run over and dragged by a hay baler on a farm near Detroit, Illinois.

In September of 1955 Harold Graves, Bluffs High School star and foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bridgman signed a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and will report for spring practice with Ardmore, Okla. in the "Sooner State League".

Mrs. Ralph Jones was named Commander of the Wolford Post of the Bluffs American Legion.

The local I.G.A. store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sturgeon is this week celebrating its First Anniversary.





The Main Stem of Bluffs in 1910, showing the Lewis Building, Williamson Hardware Store, Sargent Barber Shop and Halpin Restaurant. Two meat market signs can be seen in the distance with the Likes store on the corner. What was the McCaleb Insurance office was at that time the office of G. W. Reese, Dentist. The office building of Vet Allan was moved by Thomas Meehan and a picture theater was built on the lot. Later all the frame buildings were destroyed by fire.

sary by sharing with its customers store wide bargains.

In September the Clyde Hullinger hog and cattle trucks were sold to Paul Huddleston and will be operated by him and his sons.

The first of November Dr. Joseph Sklenar opened his practice in Bluffs.

Four automobiles were demolished and seven injured Thursday night on the south approach of the Walnut Creek Bridge on state route 100 north of the Junction 36. Occupants were Wayne and Byron Littig and Eugene Kroencke, Gary Kaltschnee, Byron Bunch and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Albers, a car following driven by Vincent Berry escaped the wreckage.

The Bluffs Town Board met Thursday night and voted 5 to 1 to issue a liquor license to Claude Davis of Pearl who has rented the Lottie Evans hotel and cafe near the Wabash railroad on State Route 100 in Bluffs.

Geraldine Whorton was elected as Worthy Matron and Norris Whorton elected as Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Paul Miller was elected Worshipful Master of the Bluffs Lodge A. F. and A. M. in December.

William Kilver was elected President of the Bluffs Civic Club in January of 1956.

A Peoria pilot was killed May 13 when two Illinois air national guard planes collided in the air near Meredosia.

The Graduating Class of 1956 was: Peggy Likes, Wanda Cumby, Marjorie Buhlig, Nancy Mains, Roberta Ellison, Fred Barnett, Roger Long, Raymond Davis, Donald Hannel, Francis Gregory, Kenneth Atkinson, Eugene Beddingfield, Martin Lovekamp, Robert Mueller, Vincent Berry, Carl Jarvis, Laine Comerford, Lonnie McDaniel, Joan Kroencke, Virgil Huseman, John Williamson, Janis Meier.

In June of 1956 the town board met in special session and ordered about \$2,800 worth of materials to be installed for 15 mercury vapor street lights. Twelve of

the 15 lights are to be along route 100 and three are on Oakes Street. Four ornamental lights bordering Lewis Park and mounted on metal posts are to be eliminated in the new lighting plan.

The partnership of Savoie and Gregory was dissolved in August of 1956. Savoie will continue operation in Naples and Gregory in Bluffs.

Lyle W. Bates of Bluffs has been appointed coroner of Scott County to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Kenneth Cunningham.

Insurance men were at Florence August 21st to estimate and make adjustments for the destruction caused when the Coultas Bros. 6,000 gallon propane gas tank exploded and all but blew the town off the map Friday morning about 6:30 a. m.

Carl Arnold retired the last of August from his position as petroleum and oil truck salesman after 21 years for Standard Oil. Russell Vortman has accepted the position and will begin duties in September.

Miss Betty Hannel was crowned Homecoming Queen for 1956.

M. C. Parker has purchased the Lena Hyler property, the two lots east of his Screw Machine Shop and will enlarge his floor space to accommodate business expansion.

Memorial services were held Monday afternoon at the Bluffs school gymnasium for Darrell "Mickey" Grady whose death occurred Saturday evening at Passavant hospital following a Wednesday evening motor accident on the east-west gravel road from the Ebaugh corner to Oxxville. He was a student at Bluffs High school.

Margaret Chambers was elected Worthy Matron of the O. E. S. at Bluffs.

The five room home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbert, east of Bluffs, burned to the ground Thanksgiving afternoon and all contents of the house were lost.

Jimmy Littig, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Littig fell January 5, 1957 and received a skull fracture.

John Allen was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club for the ensuing year.

The fire truck answered a call to the Gilbert Rebbe place south of Exeter early Sunday morning where a barn and hay content was destroyed by fire supposedly started by defective wiring.

News of the death of two prominent Bluffs residents C. O. Mueller, 59, and Wilmont Boes, 35, and the serious injury of the elder man's son Coin O. Mueller was a tragic shock to this area Thursday morning. Their pick-up truck was struck by a Sperry rail detector car on the Burlington tracks at a crossing near the Farmers' Elevator in Chapin. The younger Mueller suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries but is recuperating.

Mrs. Oliver Chambers is Worthy Matron of the OES at Bluffs.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Bank of Bluffs, the rate of interest paid on Time Certificates of Deposit was increased to two percent per annum. Such increase became effective as of February 18, 1957.

Bluffs American Legion Post observed their 38th birthday with a pot luck carry in dinner.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Lovekamp of Stronghurst was fatally burned when their home was destroyed by fire. Their daughter Glenda Lee died later from burns sustained in the blaze.

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Ethel Hierman was Postmaster in Bluffs.

In May "Hap" Vortman took over management of the Bluffs Texaco Station from Pernell Hutton.

The graduating class of 1957 was: Ronald Albers, Edith H. Collison, Betty Mae Hannel, Gary Kaltschnee, Carl Krusa, Donna Merris, Erma Norton, Ronald Atkinson, Gerald Gregory Ila Marie Hutton, Charles Kester-son, Richard Jackson, Lee Nave and Glenn Sandman.

Heavy rain and wind disrupted telephone and light service in our area June 19th.

Vernon Cockerill of Bluffs has been awarded his degree of Dr. of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois during commencement held there.

The D and M Tavern opened Saturday morning as usual but closed its doors that night June 29th for the last time. The proprietors have no immediate plans for the future.

Joe Wood has opened a garage and repair shop at his home on Peiper Street and will do general repairing and welding. Mr. Wood has been an employee of the Bluffs Garage for the past two years and has gone into business for himself.

William Merris was named Commander of the Bluffs Legion Post for the coming year.

Bud's Tavern in the old Richard's Hotel building has closed and will re-open soon under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Comerford.

In September extra precaution has been taken by the Wabash to avoid accidents. Gates are closed in addition to the flashers while trains are being switched in an east-west direction.

Dr. Kizlauskas of Fox Lake, Ill., will soon be opening for business in Bluffs. He will be located where Dr. Sklenar was previously.

Freese Brothers of Bluffs were issued a charter and are now incorporated.

Mrs. Ralph Jones and son Brien Lee were featured in pencil sketch in "Our Own Oddities" of the Sunday Jan. 5, 1958 St. Louis Post Dispatch with the note that Mrs. Jones (Leah O'Brien Jones) was the first Legion Commander to have a baby in time of office-and-on Memorial Day. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Charles Wolford Post 441.

Burl Merriman was installed as Worthy Patron of the Bluffs Masons for the coming year.

Citizens of the Bluffs community will have an opportunity to bring cheer to local folks on Tuesday evening Jan. 14, as they "come bearing gifts" for the Aldo Enke's who lost all their possessions in a New Year's Day fire which destroyed their home and contents.

Leroy Freesen was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club.

Betty Neese installed officers for the Rebekah Lodge.

Norman Little of Jacksonville, grandson of Mrs. Myrtle Little of Bluffs, is among the new members of the Jacksonville Fire Department who assumed their duties January 1st.

Freese Bros. have purchased the old Wabash water tank near the Bluffs depot and the soda-ash house which is close to the tank. Both will be moved from the premises.

The Bluffs Jaycees made plans to gravel the roadway to the Fairview cemetery.

A contract was awarded in March to Donald Korty for a sum of \$51,467.00 for the construction of the new school addition as drawn by Charles Macklin, Architect of Springfield. The new building will consist of four class rooms, and a cafeteria.

Bluffs grade school team was honored for an undefeated season with a Banquet held at the school. Letters were awarded to Mark Blake, Burl Fargo, Audrey Gregory, Lee Frederick, Jim Cox and Jerry Atkinson.

Patti Likes attended Girl's State as a representative of the Bluffs American Legion.

The graduating class of 1958 consisted of Gerald Adkins, Bonnie Andres, Shirley Barfield, Carol Boehs, Vesta Comerford, Tom Dowson, Tom Hart, Robert Meier, Carole Taylor, Connie Albers, Janet Bailey, Barbara Beddingfield, Art Campbell, Jack Cox, Robert Green, Andrew Long, Iva Wilkins, Ralph Vortman and Janice Walker.

Mrs. Cora Parks was named president of the Bluffs American Legion Auxiliary for the year.

Freese Bros. Construction Co. were low bidders at \$73,616 for the 2.88 mile of black topped road from the Bluffs village limits toward Exeter to join the existing "black top".

Wilbur Mathews was elected Commander of Bluffs Charles Wolford American Legion Post 441 for the coming year July 11th at their meeting.

Heavy rains hit central Illinois and Wolf Run thru Bluffs and Coon Run between Meredosia and Bluffs were overflowing their banks as a result.

Karen Lee McClaughlin, 15, of Naples was fatally injured at 4 o'clock Sunday morning in an automobile accident south of Bluffs on State Route 100. The auto she was riding in veered off the road and jumped a ditch.

Paul Evans, R. R. 1, Winchester has reported a loss of 34 head of baby pigs from attack by dogs.

Bluffs merchants and citizens of the community are proud to welcome a new business which will be open for operation at the beginning of September. "Speedwash" will be located in the Lottie Evans building which formerly housed the Dugan Barber Shop south of the Wabash R.R. tracks--its owners: Tom Dickens of Neelyville and Wilbur Moore of Winchester.

Louis VanHynning and sons have just closed a successful short season of blackberry picking. From a dozen or so patches scattered over a wide range of territory they picked 160 gallons which they sold at \$1.00 per gallon. The last berries went to Mrs. Ed Albers.

Mrs. Cora Parks was installed as President of the American Legion Auxiliary with Mrs. William Chambers the installing officer.

Dr. Luise Kuehn who resides in Bluffs with her two sons plans to offer her services to the public of this area as a physician beginning November 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meier of Meiers Trading Center at Bethel celebrated their 20th anniversary with Texaco Products Saturday, Dec. 6th at an all day "open house" to more than 500 visitors at their place of business.

Dr. Kizlauskas of Bluffs announced his intentions of moving his medical practice to the Winchester community.



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BLUFFS, ILLINOIS

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Paul Welch, veteran employee of Freesen Bros., Inc. escaped serious injury Saturday at near noon when the heavy earth moving machine he was operating struck soft dirt and was "turned turtle". Welch was thrown clear of the equipment into the water and ice of the creek. He was taken to Passavant hospital where he remained until Monday.

Roy Barrett was installed as Worshipful Master and Senior Warden was Henry Likes, they were installed at the regular meeting of the Bluffs Lodge A.F. & A.M.

In January of 1959 Donald W. Allen, employed at the CIPS plant was seriously injured about noon Tuesday when his car crashed into one driven by Pat Berry of Bluffs.

A barn containing about 700 bushels of beans and a quantity of hay was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon on the Anna Midden-dorf farm, 2½ miles north of Bluffs. Roy Barrett lives on the farm.

Hubert Gregory was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club for the year.

Dr. Luise Kuehn has joined the staff at the Baumann Clinic in Springfield and will be moving there with her family in the near future.

Rev. John Deterding, pastor of the Nellyville Lutheran church delivered his last sermon February 2, 1959. He is retiring due to health reasons.

In February a two inch rain fell and together with melting ice and snow forced creeks and branches out of their banks and water unable to run off, closed state roads and school bus routes.

Russell Pence, 26 of R.R. 1, Naples was killed in a fall from the outside of the Coultas Brothers Grain Elevator at Florence about 10 p.m. Monday.

In March-the prospects for a large terminal elevator north of Naples looks brighter as heirs of the Abbott Estate signed an agreement for the location adjacent to the Illinois river north of the General Grant marker and south of the Jacksonville water works plant.

Last rites were held for Rev. Deterding Sunday March 15th.

Representative Paul Simon of Troy was the speaker for the semi-annual Husband and Wife Civic Club banquet.

The Bluffs IOOF Lodge held Open House Thursday evening and membership pins were awarded.

The Fire department was called to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Holmes northeast of Bluffs (owner Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vortman) early Saturday afternoon by a fire which started while Rev. Holmes was burning garden debris in preparation for spring work. Cross currents of air caused the fire to get out of control and spread in all directions.

Rev. James O'Hara was named pastor of St. Mark's Church in Bluffs. He comes to us from Quincy, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Enke held open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

In April the IOOF Scott Lodge 702 members went to the home of Dr. E.C. Thorne after the regular lodge session to present a 25 year membership pin to him.

The Odre Theatre was advertising the coming of the movie "The Ten Commandments" in the near future.

Keith Prunty, Wabash station agent at the Bluffs depot for several years resigned his position as of last Saturday. He will become office manager of Freesen Brothers.

Louie Vanhynning and two sons found approximately 242 pounds of mushrooms this season. They sold most of them in Havana.

The graduating class of 1959 consisted of Judy Brockhouse, Kenneth Carpenter, Janice Dobson, Marilyn Fargo, Janet Fredericks, Clifford Hoots, John Hutton, Doris Keith, Patti Likes, June Lisenbee, Donna Lovekamp, Shirley Marsh, Sandra Oakes, Shirley Pahlmann, Kaye Strubbe, and James Welsh.

The 29th annual Wheat Day will be June 9th at Oakes Farm.

The two "Lecies" in Bluffs Mrs. Lecie Cox and Mrs. Lecie (Earl) Gilman unlocked the door of the L and R Economy Store Wednesday morning for business. They purchased the enterprise from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones.

The Naples Boatel was opened Sunday. Some 270 people registered and many were there who didn't register.

Glenn Williams was named Commander of the Bluffs Legion Post.

August Damin, prominent business man, died suddenly while at work threading pipe outside The Bluffs Hardware Co. store of which he was co-owner.

"Butch" Robert Green and his Plymouth Fiery red convertible met with an accident Friday evening on Rte. 100 north of Bluffs when he (going north) and a cow and calf (proceeding south) met head on. The demolished car is Exhibit A at Central Motor Sales and Butch is lucky to be only nursing bruises. The livestock were killed.

In July Mrs. Leroy Freesen of Bluffs was featured in



JUNIOR CLASS OF 1916-17, BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL: 1 - Clyde VanHynning, 2 - Roy Merriman, 3 - I. D. Mueller, 4 - Addie Batley, 5 - Edna Robison (English teacher), 6 - Ethel McMurray, 7 - Hattie Dolbear (Science and Math teacher), 8 - Lillian Sommer, 9 - Glenn Newenham, (Supt.), 10 - Helen Oakes, 11 - Uleta Shaw, 12 - Helen Fuson, 13 - Joe Fitzpatrick, 14 - Lewis Cox, 15 - Raymond Six.

a CIPS advertisement on Medallion Homes which will appear in 11 newspapers this week. The Freenen family moved into their new 8 room brick and frame home the last of April.

Bluffs and Naples welcomed Rev. and Mrs. M.D. Goldsborough and children of Rushville to the pastorate of the Methodist Church in these neighboring communities. They moved into the parsonage last week and are getting acquainted with home town folks.

Sue Bridgman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bridgman and Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oakes were second and fourth place winners in the Griggsville Fair Queen Contest.

Royal Oakes and George Krusa prominent Scott County farmers will be a part of a group of 17 farmers who will leave Monday for a three week tour of Russian farms.

The Wabash railroad plans to remove all the switch tracks in Bluffs and close the round house where as many as 125 men were once employed.

The Wabash Railroad company ran into bad luck in Bluffs in the early hours of last Saturday morning and had a derailment of cars. One car was toppled over onto its side at the main road crossing on route 100. The other cars were off the track but stood upright after climbing a stub track metal stop. Electrical service was disrupted and Freenen brothers sent bulldozers to help clear the highway for use.

An adult typing class was being held at the Bluffs High School on Monday evenings.

Bluffs citizens are invited to be spectators for the Parade scheduled for 3 o'clock Friday afternoon which will open the Bluffs School Home Coming activities.

The Wabash tried out its new and costly (more than four million dollar) bridge at Valley City. Trains operated safely to the east and the west.

It will cost 3¢ to mail a Christmas card in 1959.

October-1959-The Bluffs Times starts its 70th year with this issue.

Paula June Welch, 3½ year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Welch was rushed to Passavant hospital for emergency treatment and later transferred to St. John's hospital in Springfield after being struck Monday afternoon by a car driven by Mrs. Margaret Sanderson.

A barn on the farm of Gene Evans south of Bluffs burned with 4,000 bales of hay while firemen tried in vain to save it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Propeck have returned to management of "Dot's Diner" on Highway 100 south of Bluffs.

In December School Speed Zone signs calling for "20 mph on school days when children are present" have been erected on State Route 100 north and south of the school in Bluffs.

Harold Baird was elected Noble Grand for the IOOF Lodge in Bluffs.

The Naples-Bluffs road is open to limited traffic, county commissioner Jack Moore announced recently.

Mrs. W. Westermeyer was installed ULCW President for the coming year.

Dr. Manuel Alvarez a resident from this area since 1914 died at Jacksonville's Passavant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kilver were guests to an open house Sunday in honor of their 53rd anniversary.

Santa Claus arrived at Lewis Park in Bluffs Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. courtesy of the Bluffs Jaycees.

Clyde W. Baulos of Bluffs was in the 20th Congressional Race and the town was wishing him success.

Henry Likes was installed as Worshipful Master of the Bluffs Lodge A. M. and F. M. No. 846 in January of 1960.

Bids were being accepted for a new post office in Bluffs according to announcement from Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

Rev. James Hawley was to be installed pastor of the Neelyville Church February 14.

Coach Danhaus' Bluejays outclasses East Pike Friday night to win the district tourney.

Some ten inches of snow fell March 8, 1960 on top of what had accumulated during the past two weeks to give central Illinois a snow-bound look.

Mrs. Margaret Watson was named President of the Bluffs WSCS and Mrs. Floyd Hart Vice-President.

The Robert O'Connor barrel stave saw mill is moving equipment from Palmyra, Mo., to Bluffs and are setting up the mill between the Wabash railroad and Wolf run creek just west of the Exeter-Bluffs road east of Bluffs.

Harvey Vortman was named President of the Board of Education.

It was announced in May that the Illinois Grain Corporation expects to have their \$400,000 elevator at Naples ready for 300,000 bushels of grain by October. Fred J. Watts, Jr., general manager of the business.

Janet Cox was named Jr.-Sr. Prom Queen and Ronald Hoots was king.

Lynn Hoots was selected for Illini Girl's State by the Bluffs American Legion.

Those graduating in 1960 from Bluffs High School were Dennis Albers, Larry Beddingfield, Barbara Blake, Karolyn Sue Bridgman, Stephen Bruce, Ralph Clements, Kenneth Collison, Janet Cox, Sharon Dunham, Paul Evans, Wayne Gregory, Ronald Hoots, Larry Hutton, Linda Jackson, Sharon Kesterson, Harold Kund, Henry Likes, Robert Lisenbee, Karen Morthole, Judith Orchard, Gary Priest, Ronald Pulling, Ralph David Sturgeon, Henry Ray Suter, Barbara Swisher, Beverly Welsh, Donald Westermeyer, John Woods.

The 30th annual Wheat Day at Bluffs was set for June 14.

Carl Arnold is asking the citizens of this community to help him find a camel. He isn't versed in camel know-how so he doesn't know if he wants a one or two hump animal! The reason is that his son, Capt. Harold Arnold on duty in Turkey has sent him a camel saddle. Harold will complete 22 years of military service this fall when he will return stateside.

June 29th left Bluffs, Meredosia, Winchester and Naples and other towns in this area without lights and telephone service due to severe storm. The streets were tree-littered and much clean up scheduled the next day.

A new "leg" with 6,000 bushel capacity per hour is now in operation at the Bluffs Farmers Grain Elevator in Bluffs replacing the slower 2,500 bushel per hour elevator installed when the structure was built.





This one-horse lumber delivery wagon was driven by Dave Kilpatrick and passengers include his daughter Ruth, wife of the late Clarence Nortrup, a rural mail carrier, Helen Rockwood Hierman and Bernice Wolford Fuson. Harmon Nortrup stand to the right of the fly-netted and bald faced horse. He was the father of Mrs. Julius Westermeyer, Erich Nortrup and Mrs. Adolph (Matilda) Kahlert. Mrs. Kahlert, Erwin Rolf and Paul Vammier were the first confirmation class in the English language at Neelyville Lutheran Church, John Deterding Pastor. Elmer Wolford stand to the right and to his right is an early venetian blind display rack. Lumber yard photos courtesy of Mrs. Bernice Wolford Fuson with an approximate dating for this photo 1909. Dave Kilpatrick and Wm. McCaleb were in the undertaking business later. (Kilpatrick also auctioneered and passed away late in life a few hundred yards south of the wagon picture.)

Merle Traw was elected commander for the next year at the Bluffs Legion.

The Kilver FS tank truck dropped into a muck hole at the side of the road at the Fred Albers home south west of Bluffs and was stuck for eleven hours.

A new 200,000 kilowatt generating unit at Meredosia Power Station of CIPS began operation in July of 1960.

Last rites for Thomas B. Meehan, 57 year old insurance broker and former Bluffs postmaster who passed away suddenly this a.m. (Wednesday Aug. 3) will be held at 9:30 Friday at St. Patrick's Church in Bluffs.

Harold (Pop Eye) Bentley of Naples was seriously injured Sunday evening when a hunk of concrete fell on his head and shoulder while on construction work at the new Illinois Grain Co. at Naples.

The T.B. Meehan Insurance Company has been sold to Clyde Baulos according to information released.

Charles Wolford Post No. 441 of Bluffs has announced plans for their annual picnic and a crowning of a "Mrs. Bluffs of 1960."

The Bluffs Legion Post held a special meeting Tuesday, Aug. 30th at the Legion Hall for the purpose of looking over bids for the tearing down of the present building in making preparation for construction of a new modern building. Demolition will begin October 10th.

From the office of the Bluffs School came a report of 1960-61 enrollment to date. High school reports Freshman-34; Sophomores-28; Juniors-23; Seniors-14, Total enrollment - 97.

The new Bluffs Post Office being built by Don Korty was nearing completion. Minor jobs and then it was ready for occupancy.

Henry Kelly, 33, of Bluffs was discovered along the side of the road just north of the junction on route 100 about 2:30 a.m. Monday. Kelly had been walking to Bluffs when he was struck by a hit and run vehicle. He remains a patient at Passavant hospital in Jacksonville.

Thomas Dickens has just announced the opening of his new Electrical Service Shop.

Bluffs Post office patrons changed their habits of mail getting Monday morning when the new post office was open for business.

Bluffs has two empty buildings at present--one vacated early in November with the moving of the Bluffs Post Office, the other this week with the closing of the Nortrup Grocery by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nortrup. The former Post Office building is owned by Mrs. Lottie Evans, the other by Mrs. Etta Brockhouse. The O.D.R. Theatre operated by Odgen Sears, also closed Monday evening for at least the month of December.

Construction work at the Illinois Farmers Grain Company north of Naples was halted Monday when high winds tore away scaffolding and steel beams.

Formal dedication for the Bluffs Post Office was held Sunday, December 11, 1960 with Postmaster Ethel Hierman Chairman of the Ceremonies.

Margaret Hatfield was installed as worthy matron of the Bluffs O.E.S. for the coming year.

C.L. Batley of Bluffs was awarded a diploma for Safe Driving from the National Safety Council for ten years as a state trooper without an accident.

Hap's Texaco Station Open House Friday all day was well attended.

Irene's Cafe which has been in operation in the Geisendorfer building in Bluffs since early fall has hung up a "Closed" sign. We regret to have another business close its doors.

In January of 1961 Clyde Baulos was named President of the Bluffs Civic Club, Russell Vortman, Secretary, Vice President Harvey Vortman, and Treasurer, Fred Muntman.

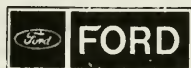


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The Bluffs F.H.A. is sponsoring an old clothes drive for the World Clothing Drive next week.

Marshall Kennedy was injured at 2 a.m. Tuesday while at work on the George Lindsay tow on the Illinois River. His injuries were not considered serious.

The Bluffs Legion Post was being razed by Tom Dickens Construction. The building was constructed by the late George VanGundy to house the Andre & Andre Furniture store with an upstairs room for the VanGundy telephone exchange. Other occupants thru the years were Castle Motor Company, Phillips Hardware and Grocery, A Pinball Alley and Nortrup's Grocery. The late J.P. Monta operated a dance hall there prior to his sale to the legion.

The Bluffs town board voted to make the block between the Bank Corner and Rte. 100 to the Bluffs Hardware Store a one-way street and directive signs have been posted.

The Bank of Bluffs began its 48th year of operation January 18th. Directors were H.H. Kilver, J.A. Knoepfel, F.J. Muntman, Royal Oakes and C.R. Wills.

Melvin Christison last Monday took over the state job of highway maintenance in this area.

A truck load of furniture enroute to Phoenix, Ariz., from Macomb burst into flames in front of the Central Motor Sales in Bluffs Saturday, February 17. The fire department extinguished the blaze but loss was considerable.

The Bluffs Civic Club Monday night in regular session voted to build a modern office with necessary facilities and clinical rooms to attract a doctor to Bluffs to serve this area. The project will be financed through the sale of \$50 bonds.

Legion Post No. 441 met in special session March 1, at the Bluffs Odd Fellow Hall and Commander Merle Traw presided. Purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of the proposed Legion building and the effect further action. It was voted to plan the building.

Mrs. D. Mullen was named President of the Bluffs Woman's Club.

Mrs. Thomas Dickens was named president of the P. T. A.

The Bluffs Civic Club, its board of directors and officers authorized the sale of \$19,000 in bonds for the construction of a medical center Monday night. The distribution of pledge cards to members and the signing thereof was started following the meeting.

CIPS was planning a press tour of the dedication of the new 224,000 kilowatt generating unit Saturday at Meredosia power station.

The Bluffs Jaycees announced their annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday April 2.

A tornado struck Winchester Monday night and four were injured with property damage running into the thousands.

The Graduating Class of 1961 included Robert Gary Bangert, Clifford Carpenter, Kenneth E. Hannel, Wanda McDade Huddleston, Janet Kay Hullinger, Bonnie Kay Mains, Lari O. Mueller, Danny M. Parker, Richard Lorenze Pulling, John R. Smith, Donald R. Sturgeon, Lynn Evans Hoots and Sharon Nave Phillips.

Harvey Bartholomew for years well known Bluffs resident who has been in Uncle Sam's mail carrier service

for more than 41 years is retiring as of May 31.

Miss Vera Chambers Saturday closed a business in Bluffs of more than eleven years-"Mi-Lady's Beauty Shop" to return to the Quincy Beauty College. She is to become an instructor at Quincy.

Lari Mueller received the State Farmers Degree in June.

The Tom Dickens Construction Co. bid of \$14,270. for the Bluffs Civic Club medical center was accepted by the committee.

The annual Royal Oakes Wheat Day was June 13.

Roger Mefford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mefford drowned in the Illinois River at Naples. He was 14 years old.

Russell Albers was elected Commander for the Legion Post in Bluffs.

Twenty-six blood donors for Betty Hutton, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutton treked to St. Louis Wednesday. Betty was to have open heart surgery.

There's a new groceryman in Bluffs in the person of Coin Omer Mueller who has purchased the Jack Moore business. The new proprietor took over August 1.

Lecie Cox became sole owner of the L. and L. Economy Store when Lecie Gilman sold out her portion.

A new 300,000 bushel concrete grain elevator with modern dumping, drying and dock loading facilities were added to the Naples Elevator. They held open house Saturday.

Indications are that a new business, a restaurant will open in Bluffs in the Geisendorfer building on Bluffs St. Mrs. Mae Long and her daughter, Clara Kitzer will manage the new business. They are from Jacksonville.

Last Saturday an old fashioned Apple Butter making was held at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vortman. Twenty two gallons of apple butter were made from great grandmother's recipe.

Dawn Rebekah's met and elected Opal Gregory Noble Grand and Alta Atkinson Vice Noble Grand for the coming year.

Francis Placke and Clyde Hullinger (who has been bulk truck operator for some time) took over the Bluffs "66" Station upon the retirement of Ben Placke.

This bob-sled group bundled up for cold cannot be distinguished but it's a typical picture of winter transportation to Grandfather's house for Christmas.





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In January of 1962 the Bluffs Civic Club elected Keith Prunty as President, Robert Albers, Vice President, Harvey Vortman, Secretary and F.J. Muntman, Treasurer.

The "Koffee Kup" to be operated by June Nunes (Mrs. Wm. Nunes) will open for business Saturday Feb. 3, subleased from Mrs. Harry Kitner and Mrs. Mae Long of Jacksonville. The previous restaurant in the Geisendorfer building was known as "The Friendly Cafe" in Bluffs.

Bluffs American Legion Post chose Mary Claire Meehan as Girl's State Delegate for the year 1962.

The Monday night 70 mile per hour wind and rain storm did considerable damage in the Bluffs area.

Graduating from High School in 1962 were: Gerald D. Atkinson, Esther Lovena Barnett, Gerald R. Beddingfield, James R. Brown, Janice Kay Engelbrecht, James Bailey, Linda Lou Berry, Barbara Kay Chapman, Larry E. Clements, Roberta Alene Collison, Jimmie E. Cox, Frances Louise Cumby, Burl Fargo, Lee Frederick, Audrey Gregory, Harvey Kesterson, Delores Ann Kroencke, Cheryl Kaye Lisenbee, Martha Kathrine McGlasson, Phyllis Ann Pahlmann, Marnetta Sapp.

Dr. Omar Panella has accepted the position as physician in Bluffs and will occupy the newly constructed Medical Center. It is a great day for Bluffs to finally have secured a physician for our community. Open House was held and the public invited to tour the new building and become acquainted with our new physician.

Edwin Predmore of Barry will become one of the Bluffs business and professional men Tuesday, July 17, when he opens his barber shop, the former Main Barber Shop on Oak Street.

The new foundation for the Bluffs Legion Building was being prepared by members of the Post.

The Bluffs Kindergarten Day School operated by Mrs. Tom Wyatt in the home will open September 4, 1962 at 9:00 a.m. the sessions scheduled to 11:30 a.m. each week Monday thru Friday.

Freesen Brothers of Bluffs were low bidders Monday for a 3.6 mile of road improvement from Ill. Route 100 to the city limits of Naples.

Russell Albers, Legion Commander, was injured in a fall at the site of the new Legion building. He was not seriously injured. Comdr. Albers was hospitalized and in much pain for quite awhile.

The Brick Tavern, located off the right of way of the Wabash railroad will re-open soon under the management of Dale Bettis.

Bluffs school yard is being covered with a form of blacktop in order to have an "all weather" ground for the school children.

Several members of the local Legion Post and other volunteers worked hard and long hours on Sunday to finish the roof of the new Legion Home.

Twenty year old Denny Albers of Bluffs had accumulated enough trophies in the past two years to cause shortage in the Nation. Denny raced Go-carts in areas around here.

Open House was held at Christmas by the publisher of the Times, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dragoset.

January 3, 1963 Mrs. Patricia Little and son Robert came close to death in an auto-train crash at the Rte. 100 crossing. The eastbound train struck the right front of the 1957 Chevrolet and slammed it backward into a parked freight car. The auto was totally demolished in the crash.

The Bluffs Times listed Publisher-R. and L. Dragoset and Editor-Mrs. Ralph Jones.

Bluffs Local Firemen met at the Civic Club building and elected Earl Lovekamp as President for the coming year.

Thomas Bentley of Bluffs died of shotgun wounds at Passavant hospital Wednesday night. He was in failing health for some time. The deceased was 68 years of age.

Bluffs suffered a drought last week as the bitter cold winter weather caused a pipe line in town to break.

Hog rustlers made off with 74 hogs from the Wendell Freeman farm the last of January.

Carol Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carpenter was named Queen of the Sweetheart Ball at Bluffs.

John Gregory, 51, was found dead near Oxville Drainage Ditch. He was an employee of the Scott County Drainage District and was digging groundhogs out of the levee when he was buried in three feet of dirt.

From this day forth and "for every after" Bluffs will rank with other large and modern cities. Beginning April 4, 1963 Bluffs had an official dog catcher (the most unpopular man around in most towns.) C.E. Battefeld, village constable will be on the lookout for strays.

A large crowd turned out to the public meeting held at the Bluffs high school to discuss the possibility of a new gym for Scott Dist. Unit 2. Election time came round and the local voters approved the \$75,000 bond issue for the building of the new gym by a vote of 316 to 87. Bids were let at a later date to Tom Dickens Electric & Construction Co.

Mary Ann Brockhouse has been selected for Girl's State to be held on the MacMurray College campus in Jacksonville this summer.

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Early Town Board records reveal that the late John Knoepfel and his son Henry, father of Albert Knoepfel, sold lumber before the present Allen Lumber Yard was known as one of the chain of Hunter-Allen Company. Pictured above is the late Elmer Wolford at his manageria, roll top desk with the huge safe door open under the wall-crank phone. The calendar sets the date as May 1920 and large poster top left, shows an ugly rat which "Destroys property, kills stock and breeds disease."

Mr. Wolford purchased the lumber yard in 1935 and sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, the present owners, in 1955. John Allen's grandfather purchased the Bluffs business at the start of the 1900's, and part of the time Mr. Wolford served as Mgr.

A Notice in the Times May 2, 1963 edition stated: Having rented the shop at the Cockerill Standard Service at Bluffs (formerly the Bluffs Garage) we will open for business on Saturday May 4, 1963. General repairing, welding, tune-up, truck, tractor and farm equip. Proprietors Laine Comerford and Donald Mullen.

The Vortman Texaco Station was burglarized and an undetermined amount of change taken from the four vending machines.

A young Bluffs couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carmean were rushed to Passavant hospital after being discovered suffering from gas fume inhalation. Mrs. Carmean was reported in poor condition. Her husband was released from the hospital after a few days.

The graduating Class of 1963 were: Ruth E. Seivers, Allen L. Vortman, Mary C. Meehan, Warren Merriman, Berna J. Parker, William D. Merris Jr. Sharon L. Rolf, Harold E. Morthole, Kaye Rose Albers, Richard L. Mueller, Patricia A. Hall, John R. Curtis, Donna Lee Hutton, Milburn Elgelbrecht, Connie Pulling Gregory, Ronald Engelbrecht, Martha Long, Thomas Goldsborough, Richard L. Hutton, Donald L. Kilver and David E. Lovekamp.

The 1963 Wheat Day will be held on the Royal Oakes farm Monday June 10.

It was announced July 1st that Mrs. Ralph Jones had been named Managing Editor of the Bluffs Times.

June Nunes, owner of the Koffee Kup Cafe in Bluffs sold her business Monday to Mrs. Betty Wyatt, also of Bluffs, who opened for business July 20th.

Wm. Merris was elected Commander of the Bluffs Charles Wolford Legion Post.

The Junior College was defeated in a bid for a college for this area, due to legal technicalities. However, they contend they will begin work again to try one more time to have a Junior College in our vicinity.

Work was continuing on the new Legion Building being built in Bluffs.

A new electric sign was installed on the lawn of the Bluffs Methodist Church site and new sidewalk was poured to improve the grounds.

Bluffs "Bone" of contention causes dissension. This was the headline of the August 15, 1963 paper. The story follows: Shades of the 'Big City' childhood. The dogcatcher is in town. Rather the term should be plural as of last

Saturday's opening day of 'Dog Season' in Bluffs, there were three large size men trying to corner (with limited success) the canine population. Constable "Curly" Battefeld who we understand is an unwilling dog warden, Mayor Albert Knoepfel and chief Ass't. Bob VanHying played the villan roll and the fur flew. Although we were given to understand the Bluffs prison contained nine dogs, by the time the press arrived, the prison was empty."

Another Bluffs Landmark was torn down at this time. The old post office building which was vacated when the new post office was built, was razed with many onlookers.

Miss Dixie Lee Frohwitter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frohwitter was named "Miss American Legion" at the annual Legion Picnic.

St. John's Lutheran Church Celebrated their 50th anniversary November 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers headed the Eastern Star Order of the Bluffs Chapter for the coming year.

Fire completely destroyed the farm home west of Bluffs of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collison Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18th.

Beginning January 1, 1964 the Bluffs Machine Products situated in Bluffs and owned by Mrs. Freda Parker, will be leased to Charles Oakes, also from Bluffs. Mr. Oakes will continue to operate the shop as it has been in the past and Neil Parker, son of Mrs. Parker will continue to be Bluffs operator.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Bluffs was held January 15, 1964. At the close of business Dec. 21, 1963, total resources, demand deposits, time deposits, and loans were at a record year-end high.

Scott County Housing Authority was granted \$785,390 for construction of 57 low-rent homes in Bluffs, Manchester and Winchester.

Mayor J. A. Knoepfel purchased and presented a Blue and Gold Post Flag to the Charles Wolford Post 441. He has been a member since World War I ended in 1919.

Bluffs Bluejays won the District Tournament with a win over the Prairie Pioneers of Perry.

Mrs. Ralph Jones began her duties as proprietor of the Bluffs Times, her and her husband having purchased same from Ron Dragoset as of March 1, 1964.

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District reorganized April 16th with Harvey L. Vortman elected president and Clyde Taylor, secretary. Other members are William Kleinschmidt, Carl H. Leib, Harold Bridgman, and newly elected members were Thomas Brackett and Glen Seivers.

Bluffs was shocked by the death of Richard 'Dick' Miller who died of injuries sustained in a tractor accident south of Naples while helping his son-in-law, Wendell Freeman, with his farming.

Work on the Bluffs waterworks plant is progressing satisfactorily. The new plant will be put into use within the next week, the first part of May.

Miss Betty Hutton and Mike Gregory were crowned king and queen of the 1964 Junior-Senior Prom.

Reverend Lyle Sucher conducted his last service here Sunday, May 3rd. He moved to Murphysboro where he is to have a much larger congregation.

The members of the Bluffs Band & Chorus went to three contests this year and came home with 100 medals.

John W. Allen, owner of Allen Lumber Co., was a member of the 1964 Illinois Lumber Dealers Goodwill People-to-People Delegation visiting Denmark, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany and the Soviet Union.

The Reverend Kenneth Lein was chosen by St. John's Lutheran Council as Pastor of the local church.

Mrs. Dorothy Vannier was installed as president of the local P. T. A.

Friends and neighbors lent a helping hand to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meier and Mrs. Harold Meier with their spring planting.

Bluffs has a most wonderful group of people living in and around it, but it sometimes takes a time of need to realize just how wonderful people can be.

Students graduating from Bluffs High School in 1964 were Marvin C. Barrett, Mary Lee Batley, John Brockhouse, Mary Ann Brockhouse, Karen Brown, Marilyn Jeanne Clements, Dixie Lee Frohwitter, Dennis Gregory Doris K. Hartman, Sharon Kay Hendricks, Larry C. Hoots, Betty Joan Hutton, Marjorie Viola Kroencke, Linda Lucille Lisenbee, Shirley Marie Magelitz, Richard McDade, Thelma M. Mueller, Gerald D. Sapp, James Gordon Traw, Carol Ann Carpenter, Terry Buhlig, Patricia Ann Nave, James LeRoy Bettis.

The 'Bluffs Times Newspaper' office had moved to their new building. As of June 1st the "Times" opened for business in a new building purchased from Ray Bettis, and built on the site of the old Dugan Barber Shop.

Top student awards went to Mary Lee Batley, Valedictorian and Mary Anne Brockhouse, Salutatorian.

Hodges Cemetery was a vital issue with many local residents this year. Many of the descendants of those long departed from this world had the determination to have the Hodges cemetery put into good condition.

Dr. and Mrs. Omar Panella were granted their United States Citizenship June 29th. Doctor Panella for years lived in Cuba and his wife Maria, was born and reared in Spain.

Brenda Williams, Linda Lovekamp and Marjorie Rolf were the three Bluffs High School students to attend Western Illinois University Music Camp.

J. A. Knoepfel, President of the Village Board, issued a proclamation requesting that all bells in Bluffs, Illinois be rung for two minutes beginning at one o'clock p.m. on July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Geisendorfer, dwellers in one of the largest white houses in Bluffs for many years, quietly passed their 45th Wedding Anniversary, Monday June 29.

Bluffs City Dads were forced to close the 'City Dump' except for certain times. This was unfortunate but necessary.

The Bluffs Village Board met at a meeting and granted a franchise to the CIPS Co. to provide gas for all would-be customers locally.

Violet Dickens placed sixth in the National Baton Twirling Event (solo) at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Miss Goetchen Vannier and her aunt, Mrs. Harry Merriam left Saturday to tour New York and the World's Fair.

Bernard Goetze was named Assistant Principal of the Bluffs School system.

Commander William Merris announced a new air-conditioning system was being installed in the Legion Hall.

An Indian burial mound was discovered by four Bluffs youths at this time on the farm land of Raymond Arnold, who resides north of Bluffs. The Illinois State Museum will continue study of the find. The boys were Galen Lovekamp, Raymond Graves, Jim Wyatt and Roger Graves.

Burglars broke into the Economy Store and Rose's Pool Room. Cigarettes, watches, money, etc. were reported missing.

New telephone cable was being laid in Bluffs.

"The Warren Report" was presented to Librarian. Dr. E. C. Thorne, for the Bluffs Public Library use, from Congressman Paul Findley.

Charles B. Oakes who has operated the Bluffs Machine Shop the past ten months sold his interest to Neil Parker as of November 1, 1964.

A water tank heater was reported stolen from the Hieman's Gamble Store.

In January of 1965 Tom Dickens was elected President of the Bluffs Civic Club.

The WSCS of the Methodist Church announced plans to remodel the church basement.

Dr. E. C. Thorne, Bluffs dentist, died unexpectedly at his home Saturday, January 30th, 1965.

Ilene Barnett and Keith Chapman were crowned at the Sweetheart Ball in the Bluffs gym in February.

Miss Marnetta Sapp entered into the beauty business with Mrs. Betty Weiss in Bluffs in February.

Senator Paul Simon was the scheduled speaker at the Bluffs Methodist Church Banquet March 4th.

Dale Adams of Adams Service and Sales, Jacksonville, donated a Garbage Disposal and Dishwasher to the Bluffs Legion Hall.

Everyone thought war was declared again, when the Freesen Brothers, Inc. Repair shop burned to the ground in March, 1965. Fire of undetermined origin leveled the old Wabash round house on a cold, cold night, and volunteers fought the blaze and exploding barrels for hours, before bringing the blaze under control.

John Allen was the candidate for Mayor of our village, and was elected in the forthcoming contest, defeating J. A. Knoepfel, who had held that position for many years.

Robert Albers, Howard Buhlig, Oliver Chamberss, Harold Kilver, George Krusa, Charles Merris and Carl Stegemann were named to the Board of Directors for the Elevator.

Mrs. Clarence Weiss, active in the beauty shop business for thirty years, retired April 1st. Marnetta Gregory opened her shop in the Weiss building, and still operates there under the name of Marnetta's Beauty Shop.

Freesen Brothers, in business for several years in Bluffs, who recently sustained a great loss by fire at their

warehouse and repair shop at the old Wabash roundhouse have plans for the future. They, the company, will have a new building to replace the one destroyed, which will provide ample space for their needs. They have purchased land of Mrs. Helen Oakes Head of Springfield.

Leland Kesterson Of OXville escaped serious injury, March 24th, in a car-Wabash freight train wreck, and George Krusa, Robert Freesen and Leroy Freesen met with the village board to discuss plans for a housing development.

Little Tonya Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Berry, was injured Tuesday, April 13th, when she fell from the back of a truck and fractured her skull.

John Allen was elected Mayor of Bluffs at the election held in April.

Clifford Hoots of Bluffs, recently was made plant manager of the new SCHROCK plant situated a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of Bluffs on the blacktop. The plant handled liquid Economy fertilizer and Anhydrous Ammonia.

"King and Queen" of the Bluffs Senior Prom were Dennis Engelbrecht and Miss Connie Likes.

Loren H. Engelbrecht was seriously injured in a collision about a mile east of Meredosia Sunday night.

Graduating Class of 1965 consisted of: Robert Jeffrey Albers, Barbara LeAnn Arnold, JoAnn Atkinson, Linda Kay Barrett, E. Ilene Barnett, Francis Beddingfield, Jesse Brown, Jeffrey Thomas Bruce, Charles Keith Chapman, Joyce Hoots Cooney, Roger O. Davis, Dennis A. Engelbrecht, Michael John Cockerill, Linda E. Gregory, James E. Hutton, Linda Sue Hurst, Leland Kesterson, Connie Ora Likes, Lila L. Lisenbee, Nancy LeAnn Lovekamp, Reginald E. Magelitz, Alan M. Merriman, Neil Jared Mueller, Louis M. McDade, John D. Oakes, Lora Sue Pond, Brenda May Sandman, Hazel Marie Serrelta, Wil-



This 1905 picture of Oak Dale, School District 34, with 19 students in grades two to eight was contributed by Mrs. Harry Merriman, smallest student in the school. This picture and others were found in one of her late mother, Mrs. George H. Vannier's, album.

Front row - Mabel Merriman Likes, Edith Mueller Schuessler, Fred Schroeder, LaBelle Vannier Merriman, Clara Vannier, Clarence Seeman, Elmer Seeman.  
2nd row - Herman Vannier, Charles Wolford, Oscar Mueller, Oscar Merriman, Lena Vannier Lovekamp, Ina Vannier Krusa, Lottie Middendorf, Emma Vortman Owens, Clarence Sentmey.

3rd row - Fred Schultis, Richard Nortrup, Ollie Flynn, teacher.



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Severe wind and rain from Sunday's storm brought about a short in the Noon whistle of the Bluffs Fire Department June 21. The whistle rang as usual at Noon, but then continued to ring at intervals of six minutes. The first ring brought out the usual dependable workers, the next ring brought them back again, and while they were discussing the reason for the false alarms, and checking with the reporting stations, the little gadget clicked, the clock responded, and it blew again. Cause had been determined as a short in the clock, and a new one had been ordered.

The new Bluffs addition was formally named Valleyview Addition to the Village of Bluffs. It is owned by the Bluffs Development Corporation.

The Scott County Housing Authority has accepted the bid of a Fenton Mo. contractor for construction of 57 low rent housing units in Scott County at three locations, Manchester, Winchester and Bluffs.

According to information received from Mayor John Allen, A CIPS survey was made house to house Friday, September 3rd to determine what potential gas users there are in Bluffs.

Miss Christina Stegemann was named Queen of the Bluffs American Legion at their annual picnic Saturday.

Rev. Staudacher, pastor of the Bluffs Lutheran Church at Neelyville died unexpectedly at his home Sept. 17th.

Bluffs is undergoing a business boom. The Allen Lumber Company purchased a new concrete mixer, Colli-llison Construction Co. started pouring concrete for the basement foundation for the new three-bedroom home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Baulos, The Bluffs Baptist Church was planning to build a new church, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman were doing extensive remodeling on their home, the foundation was being dug for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Placke, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Mueller were doing remodeling on their home, The Federal Housing Project is underway, work is progressing nicely on the second warehouse and filling station on the Freesen Bros. Inc., on Rte. 100, and John and Mildred Allen are building a two family garage with upstairs apartment in the northwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Scott of Naples announced they had purchased a lot from Fred Cockerill and would begin construction on a new Coin Wash for Bluffs.

Patty Coughlin was named queen of the Bluffs Homecoming at festivities Friday evening.

According to information received from Clyde Hullinger, manager of the newly constructed Shell Service Station, the station will be open for business Monday, January 17, 1966.

Brenda Williams and David Vortman were crowned King and Queen at the Bluffs Band Boosters Carnival in March.

Jerry Rife resigned as manager of the Bluffs Grain Co.

Nita Thorne resigned as librarian of the Bluffs Public Library. Applications were being taken for the position.

Mr. Ray Schnitker, Arenzville, had been hired to position of Manager of the Bluffs Farmers Grain Elevator.

Fourteen year old Joan Buhlig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Buhlig died Friday Feb. 10, at Passavant hospital following an extended illness.

Postmaster Wm. Kilver of Bluffs announced that the Bluffs Post Office was providing patrons of Bluffs with full service, Monday through Saturday.

On February 16th fire struck the Arvin Rose home in Bluffs and destroyed their kitchen as well as damaging much of the interior of the home.

The CIPS Co. announced their plans to begin the laying of natural gas lines for their customers in the Meredosia-Bluffs area.

Rodger Olen Davis, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Davis of Bluffs died Monday, March 14th at St. John's hospital, Springfield where he had been a patient several months.

Applications for rental of public housing units in Scott County were being taken.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Cumby, 44, was killed instantly when her auto struck head on with a tractor trailer at the Bluffs Exeter turn off of route 36-54 five miles north of Winchester.

In a recent contest, Donal Gene Enke was presented with a year's subscription to the Bluffs Times upon being the 500th new subscriber. Donal Gene is serving in the U. S. Navy and his mother subscribed for him.

Linda Lovekamp and Albert Hoots were chosen as "King and Queen of the Bluffs Prom."

The graduating class of 1966 consisted of: Bonnie Jean Bangert, Ellen Louis Baulos, Terrence Beeley, Gerald Bruce, Bonnie Buhlig, Bonnie Kay Collison, Patricia Ann Coughlin, James Lawrence Curtis, Ruth Ann Davis, Rosemary Jo Grimes, William Walter Hart, Albert Keith Hoots, Pamela Sue Hullinger, Steven Ralph Jones, Linda Jean Lovekamp, Carol Sue Murphy, Carolyn Eileen Nave, Connie Jo Nunes, Margery Ann Rolf, Judith Kay Sandman, Wendell E. Sapp, Ted Adair Vortman and Brenda Carol Williams.

Sherman Huffman, 40, of Pittsfield, employed by Freesen Brothers Construction was electrocuted Tuesday while at work on US 67 at the Littleton junction north of Rushville.

John Allen, Bluffs Mayor, participated in ceremonies at Bluffs, in which quite a few Roodhouse citizens came to our village in observance of their Centennial Year, and named Mr. Allen an honorary member of their "Brothers of the Brush"

A two-page scroll signed by all Bluffs merchants and well wishers was taken via "Pony Express" by "Bo" Woosley to Roodhouse in observance of their 100th year.

The new Bluffs Coin Laundry held their grand opening July 29 and 30th.

Reverend Donald Kroll was ordained and installed as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Miss Janet Scott was named "Miss American Legion for 1966 at the annual Picnic Saturday evening.

Robert Lovekamp has been appointed by the Bluffs Village Mayor and Board members to the position of Village Policeman.

A proposed new library for Bluffs would be voted on in the November election.

The issuance of \$23,000 in bonds to finance the building of the new Bluffs Public Library was passed in a special election held at the Village Hall.

Vicki Morris was named Home-Coming Queen at Bluffs High School.

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Robert D. Merriis, formerly of Bluffs was named editor of the Herald and Review in Decatur.

One of the worst ice and snow storms in years hit Bluffs Wednesday evening January 27th. School was cancelled and telephone and lights were out of service for some time.

The site for the new Lutheran church near Neelyville will be across from the present church building. Construction for the new structure will begin this spring.

Bluffs grade school won the PMSC heavy weight tournament in February.

The Bluffs Band Boosters Carnival was a great success. The "Great Ole Opera" show was one of the best in years. Ruth Fargo was named Queen and Gerald Schmitz King.

Military authorities Sunday visited the home of Army Specialist Fourth Class James E. Hutton at Bluffs to inform his family that the previously reported missing-in-action serviceman has been officially declared a victim of the hostile attack on March 11th at his base camp in Vietnam.

April 14--Terry and Kerry Littig and Bradley Littig went mushrooming Sunday afternoon. They returned with 2½ pounds of mushrooms and a very live water moccasin. Needless to say, the mushrooms were kept, and much to the dismay of the boys, the water moccasin was returned to the water. Terry and Kerry are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Littig and Bradley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Littig.

The graduating class of 1967 consisted of: Mark E. Albers, Mary Ann Bailey, Carolyn Sue Beddingfield, Bonita K. Clements, Kaye Cockerill, Raymond Cumby, Robert D. Engelbrecht, Betty L. Fargo, Virginia Sue Goldsborough, Sandra Hartman, William A. Heck, Carol

Sue Hoots, Robert Hutton, Phillip Kilver, David Long, Verlin Magelitz, Leonard McDade, Cheryl Lee Merriis, Melvin W. Miller, Murray J. Moore, Vicki M. Morris, Marc C. Mueller, Constance Joanne Neese, Darrel L. Nobis, David Lee Pond, Carolyn Sue Potter, Gary A. Rahe, Roger Shireman, James Vannier, David Alan Vortman and Steve Williams.

Royal Oakes, 86, respected and well-known Bluffs Bluffs farmer, passed away at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 30th at Passavant hospital in Jacksonville where he had been a patient many times recently. Mr. Oakes was born in Bluffs October 24, 1881 the son of Henry and Emaline Richardson Oakes. Three sons survive, Harold and Charles, both of Bluffs and James of St. Louis, in addition to his wife, Margaret.

Mrs. Byron Littig of Bluffs received word that her brother Dennis Fairfield had been killed in Vietnam.

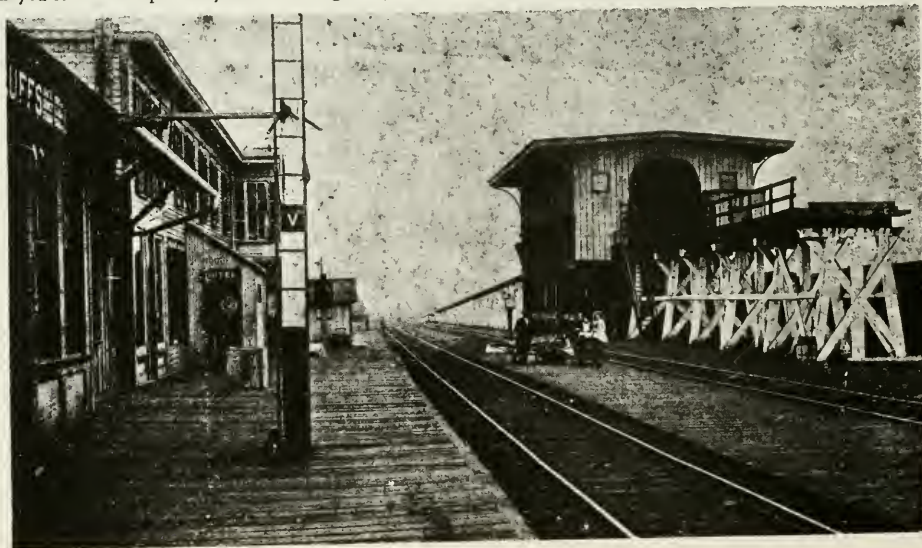
Another dismembered arm, the second located within a two week period, was found floating in the Illinois River last Tuesday about three miles below Naples, near the Mauvaisteere Creek entrance into the river.

Robert Lovekamp was elected 1967-68 Legion Commander and Mrs. Lecie Gilman re-elected Bluffs Legion Auxiliary President for the year 1967-68.

Awards of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart were awarded to the parents of the late SP/4 James Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutton at ceremonies recently.

New homes were featured in June 1967 edition of the BluffsTimes-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and family moved into their new home in the south part of town. The home was constructed by Dickens Construction Co., Bluffs.

DO YOU REMEMBER when the Wabash Depot and the Coal Chute looked like this in Bluffs? If so - you are one of the "old-timers"! Fred Northcutt, who brought the picture in, says it was torn down in October, 1936. The "Hotel" shown in the below picture was burned May 27, 1928. The building at west end of platform is "Wm. McCullom's Car Shanty". When you look at the picture you are looking west, and it surely brings back a great many memories!



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vanhyning and family were in the process of having a new home built. Allen Lumber Co. of Bluffs doing the construction. The newly constructed split-level home of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Bentley in Valley View Addition was now inhabited by the Bentleys. Ground work on the new Bluffs Library was begun, with Donald Korty Construction was doing the building.

The Bluffs 5-Minute Wash and Wax, owned by Laine, Joanne and Mae Comerford opened Saturday to Bluffs residents, with Mayor, John Allen as the first customer.

Plans were under way for the annual American Legion Picnic featuring the Queen contest and "Great Ole Opry" and Parade.

Miss Colleen Prunty was named Queen of the Bluffs American Legion Picnic.

Larry Hutton, employee of the CIPS Company in Meredosia was taken to Passavant hospital September 30th where he remains a patient being treated for gas inhalation, the result of working near a faulty gas pipe at the Meredosia Plant.

The Bluffs Civic Club Picnic September 2, featured the Possum Holler Opry Cast of Quincy, Illinois.

Freese Brothers were awarded the contract to repair Bluffs Main Street. The old street will be torn out, and a new permanent black top street, complete with storm sewers, concrete curbing and guttering will be installed.

Miss Veronica Rahe was named Home coming Queen Friday evening at the Bluffs School Dance.

A new Pumping Fire Engine will be delivered to the village of Bluffs around October 15th according to information received from American LaFrance, a company in Elmira, N. Y. which makes these fire engines.

Pearl Matthews, was elected Noble Grand of the Dawn Rebekah Lodge.

"Street Festival" was held in Bluffs Saturday. Features were: Open House of the New Library, Ribbon-cutting ceremonies of new Main Street, supper at the Civic Club building, christening of the new fire truck, and a street dance.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held at the Lutheran Church near Neelyville October 29th.

Mrs. Opal Hullinger, well-known Bluffs resident, has purchased the L & L Economy Store from Mrs. Lecie Cox, effective November 11th. The store will be known as "The Economy Store."

Howard E. Buhlig, 56 year old Bluffs farmer, is still reported in serious condition at Passavant hospital following a two-truck collision about 12:30 p.m. November 24th five miles south of Bluffs on State Route 100, just in front of the Henry Likes farm.

Freese Brothers hosted their annual Christmas Party for 150 employees at the Blackhawk in Jacksonville.

In January of 1968 the Scott County Health Improvement Association, who sponsor Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Scott County, recently donated a model of the respiratory system to the Bluffs High School.

Edwin Predmore has sold his place of business to Don Savage of Winchester, who took over the Barber shop as of Monday, January 15, 1968.

Keith Prunty was elected to head the Bluffs Civic Club.

Jerry Schmitz was picked for the All PMSC Conference Team at the tournament held recently.



OLD TIME BLUFFS RESIDENTS... Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dimmitt and Mrs. Dimmitt's sister, Mary Jefferson. The Dimmitts were parents of Mrs. Jesse (Mabel) Batley.

The Proposal of the Junior College will be up for vote February 3rd.

The Bluffs Public Library is now open for business.

The residence of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Bray of Naples was gutted by fire believed started from an oil furnace explosion. Bluffs and Naples firemen answered the alarm but were unable to save the home.

Craig Brown and Rhonda Orchard were crowned King and Queen of the Bluffs Band Booster's Carnival.

Yearley Winder, 21, of Route Bluffs, was killed instantly in a three vehicle accident north of Bluffs on Route 100. A passenger, Buddy Tapscoff, 19, also of Bluffs was listed in good condition at Passavant hospital. A Jerseyville young man, James Gorman, was also killed instantly. A passenger in his car, Pamela Jean Collins, was reported in good condition. The car and truck collided head-on.

Word was received that Sgt. Michael Magill was injured in Vietnam. His wife, Ilene Barnett Magill received the news March 27th.

Dedication and Open House were held at the Bluffs Library Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Bernard Beeley is librarian.

It was announced that Dr. Joseph Panella would close his practice in Meredosia. They will be moving to Florida where he will further his education and plans to teach.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rahe of R. R. Bluffs were named Parents of the Year at Robert Morris College based on an essay written by their son, Gary.

State Senator Paul Simon was scheduled to address the Bluffs Commencement Class.

The graduating class of 1968 were: Jona Albers, Daryle Bangert, Deborah Brackett, Craig Brown, Berkley Buhlig, David Curtis, Phil Davis, Terry Dougherty, Sandra Evans, Linda Hutton, Ross Kunkel, Brenda Likes, Marlys Ann Little, Beverly Martin, Jane Ann Merriman, William McDade, Steven Oakes, Rhonda Orchard, Susan Placke, Janet Scott, Mary Ann Sievers, Veronica Rahe, Bradley Shireman, Christina Stegeman, Gretchen Vannier.



Richard Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Freeman, entered Passavant hospital on a Thursday morning after being severely bitten and mauled by a gilt sow on the Freeman farm.

Children's films are being shown weekly at the Bluffs Public Library.

David Carpenter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carpenter of Bluffs, was killed Thursday, July 10th in a motorcycle-truck accident in McHenry County, near the Illinois-Wisconsin border. State police said Carpenter was killed when his cycle collided with a cattle truck on Illinois 47. He was employed in Woodstock.

Brenda Gilliland was crowned "Miss American Legion of 1968" at the annual Legion Picnic Saturday evening.

The Bank of Bluffs celebrated their 75th year of business with Open House Sunday, August 4th.

John Allen, Mayor, and members of the Bluffs Village Board, contributed to the happiness of the Bluffs boys in service this past Christmas, when they sent nearly 40 Christmas cards to service men from this area.

According to the Illinois Agricultural Statistics report - ed 321 acres in average Scott County farm.

Louis McDade received an advancement in the U.S. Navy to Aviation Maintenance Third Class.

Richard Nixon became the 37th President of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Berry of rural Bluffs celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary January 23rd.

Virgil Coughlin was employed as Unit Superintendent for Bluffs school year 1969-70. The ungraded program in the third and fourth grades were summarized by Mr. Coughlin.

The new Trinity Lutheran Church at Neelyville was dedicated Sunday, January 26, 1969. Rev. Donald Kroll, pastor.

Newly elected officers for the Bluffs Civic Club are - Harold D. Arnold, President; James W. Freeman, Vice President; Clyde Taylor, Secretary; and Norman Vortman, Treasurer. Their primary object for the year 1969 - to procure a doctor for the Village of Bluffs.

Miss Jo Jean Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morris, has been named DAR "Good Citizen Award Winner". William J. Chambers retired from the Farm Bureau Board of Directors in January after serving 14 years on the board. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brackett moved from Bluffs to a farm near Jerseyville, Ill. Fred Korty, 78-year-old rural Bluffs resident was injured in a one-car accident on the Exeter road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt moved back to Bluffs after having lived in Springfield, where Frank was employed by the Springfield Police Force. He is also a retired Norfolk and Western Railroad employee.

Rev. Fr. James O'Hara has been appointed the new pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Decatur. Definite word on Fr. O'Hara's successor for here has not been received.

Mr. Charles Neubauer has been named manager of Illinois Grain Corporation's river elevator at Naples, Illinois and Glenn Nichols of Butler, Illinois has been named branch manager to the Interstate producers Livestock Association Market at Bluffs. He replaced John Brockhouse.

The Bluffs American Legion Post #441 hosted the 20th District meeting with 36 Commanders, Past Commanders and District Officers welcomed by Bluffs Commander Delbert Reed. -- The first Confirmation Rites were held at



This unique setting pictures Mr. and Mrs. Henry Middendorf at their Rockaway Beach, N. Y. summer resort. Mr. Middendorf was the brother of the late Geo. H. Vannier's mother. Mr. Middendorf left a huge estate to relatives in Illinois. He was the supplier for boats and ships plying the New York Harbor.

the new Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Donald Kroll officiating. The six confirmands were Violet Dickens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dickens, Cheryl Gillis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gillis, Jim Littig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Littig, Alice Lovekamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lovekamp, Debbie Meier, daughter of Mrs. Harold Meier, and Dianne Wardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Wardell.

Youths becoming members of the United Methodist Church of Bluffs were John Mark Goldsborough, son of Rev. and Mrs. M.D. Goldsborough; Randy Kim Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barnett; Teresa Gail Collison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collison; Beverly Dea and Barbara Lea Freesen, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freesen, and Kathy Marie Vannier, daughter of Bernard Vannier; and Cathy Lynn Buhlig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buhlig.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Russwinkel of Bluffs observed their 50th Wedding anniversary Wednesday, April 9th. Mrs. Russwinkel was formerly Miss Henrietta Rolfs.

Joe R. Martin was honored when a 50-year Masonic pin



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Vandals destroyed and damaged over two dozen rural mail boxes between Chapin and Bluffs, and Merritt and Bluffs.

The Rev. James Lee Bailey and family, new pastor for the Bluffs Baptist Church have moved to Bluffs from Plainfield, Ill. They are living in Carroll Sears' house just back of the Lumber Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Long celebrated their 31st Wedding Anniversary April 20th.

Voting was light at Bluffs for the Town's election -- all candidates were elected without opposition and no organized write-in campaigns were reported. John W. Allen was returned to office as president of the Village Board; Harold Frohwitter as Village Clerk and Clyde L. Taylor for treasurer. Four year terms as trustees - Luther Vortman, Robert Smith and Harold Arnold. James W. Freeman was elected to fill an unexpired term on the board. Bernard Goetze and Geraldine Whorton were elected to the Bluffs Library Board.

A Bluffs High School student, Miss Brenda Lou Nobis, is among 15 students receiving honor awards in the 1968-69 Illinois Society for Medical Research High School Essay Contest.

Miss Bonnie Nave was crowned the 1968-69 Junior-Senior Prom Queen. Miss Linda Pond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pond was chosen to attend Illinois Girls State as a representative of the Bluffs High School.

L/Cpl. Glenn S. Williams and PFC Charles Ray Cumby recently enjoyed a visit together in Viet Nam. Both boys enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1968. Steven Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Miss Ellen Baulos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Baulos of Bluffs was named 'Miss Jacksonville of 1969' and will compete in the 'Miss Illinois' contest in July.

The Historical Society of Springfield follows the route of march of Gen. U. S. Grant and his 21st Illinois Regiment from Springfield to Naples and will take the route of Apple Pie Ridge.

Byron Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Berry Sr., was named Valedictorian and Miss Connie Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bunch has been named Salutatorian of the 1969 Graduating Class. The 1969 Graduates are Fred Beddingfield, Byron Berry, Danny Berry, Diane Brown, Connie Bunch, Vey Ann Coultas, Dan Dickens, Jim Engelbrecht, Robert Evans, Vicki Hendricks, Sam Hoots, Vicki Hoots, Steve James, John Krueger, Larry Lovekamp, Karen McDade, Jo Jean Morris, Bonnie Nave, Rita Nobis, Craig Prunty, James Rahe, Mary Rolf, Konrad Sapp, Jim Settles, Vickie Smith, Dan Vannier, Glenn Vortman.

Illinois Valley Asphalt, Inc. performed their good-deed for the day the past week, when they black-topped a driveway in front of the newly constructed Bluffs Library, at no cost to the taxpayers.

Five area girls competed in the Morgan County 'Miss July 4th' contest, they were Mary Ann Traw, Cindy Six, Linda Merriman, Janet Scott and Brenda Gilliland.

Mrs. Margaret Oakes, 76, widow of Royal Oakes, died unexpectedly July 23, 1969 at her home in Bluffs.

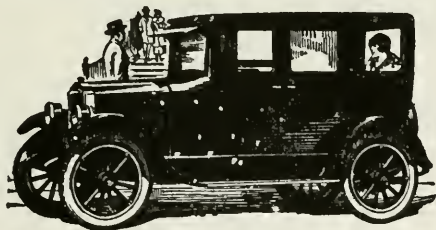


The work on the TV Tower north east of Bluffs has been completed and if you are within a radius of 15 miles or more on a clear night you will see five beacon lights and six yardarm lights locating the 1610 foot TV tower which is located 2 miles north east of Bluffs. The first pattern of this 26 ton 118 ft. long antenna was broadcast over Channel 14 July 22nd and was approved.



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Miss Judy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Martin, was crowned 'Miss American Legion of 1969' at the annual Legion Picnic and Burgoon. Other contestants were Lasondra Kunkel, Cheryl Gillis, Alice Lovekamp, Rita Brown, Mary Ann Traw, Judy Graves, Judy Christa, Kathy Vannier, Terry Nevins, Paula Nunes and Debbie Meier.

Mrs. Cornelia Leonhard, born April 28, 1885, in Bluffs, daughter of C. W. and Mary Hale Hide, died August 3, 1969. Thieves broke into Sturgeon's AG Store in Bluffs in the early morning hours gaining entrance by using a crow-bar to force the lock on the front door. Much damage had been done to various articles in the store and several things missing.

Motorists using the blacktop road East from Bluffs to Neelyville were yelling their heads off concerning the condition of the road, but County Commissioners Ben Placke, Del Yelm and Harold Fearnheyhough were doing their best.



They got out-of-sorts a little over the joke sign that went up north of Bluffs, but it was good for laughs, anyway! It was placed on the road leading off Route 100, about 2½ miles north of Bluffs on the "Castle Road". When word of the sign went round, the dust really got stirred up, as the sight-seers started driving the road JUST to read the sign, which was quickly taken down. Culprits unknown!

The ladies of the churches in the Bluffs area have been busy making and assembling articles to place in "Ditty Bags" to be sent to US Servicemen in Vietnam.

The enrollment for the Bluffs school year 1969-70 was 309 in grade school and 121 in high school.

Real Estate transfers listed in August were Della Sears Albers to CIPS Company; Robert Albers et al to CIPS Co; Roy and Margaret Bettis to Claud and Clara Davis; Richard T. Hatfield et al to William Campbell; Amos and Marie Panella to Clarence E. and Edna Streete.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bangert celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 21st.

Members of the Advisory Committee for the proposed Scott County Nursing Home from this area are Harold Oakes and John Allen.

Bluffs was saddened Saturday by the news of the death of little Roy Johnson, 7 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnson. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Passavant

Hospital in Jacksonville after being pulled from a cistern by his father on a farm east of OXville.

Scott County, along with other counties in the state, is now charging \$10 for wedding license. The license fee had been \$5.

Ethel Hiernman received her 50-year-pin from the Eastern Star, Floy Chapter.

On November 2, 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Jess (Cut) Batley observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Three tracts of property in the David Leonard estate were sold at auction Friday morning at the Scott County Courthouse. Eighty acres in Morgan county was sold to Harold Schroeder for \$364 an acre; Wilbur Matthews - 191 acres a mile west of Exeter for \$250 per acre. 75 acre farm, ½ mile east of State rte. 100 to Dean Merriman for \$180 per acre.

The Edward Ranfts celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary November 30th.

Deer hunters has good weekend in this area with 8 persons bagging a deer. Stories are coming to the Times Office concerning the killing of household pets and caged animals recently in Bluffs, and that the injured parties are getting sick and tired of this, and means will be resorted to, to stop this outrage. This can't go on, and obviously the owners are not aware of the fact that their dogs are out on a killing and maiming spree.

The Frank Clayton house has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Morrison, who formerly lived in the Vannier Apts.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sievers of Bluffs celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary December 28th.

The property of the late Ms. Cornelia Leonhard was sold at public auction with the large house being purchased by Francis Gregory and the second house by Mike Gregory.

The laying of the corner stone for the Lutheran Church was well attended Sunday September 8th.

Bluffs High School had 15 returning Lettermen for the coming football season.

Floyd Rolf, Scott County farmer, was killed instantly about 10:45 a.m. Wednesday when the tractor on which he was riding was struck by a CB & Q train at the south railroad crossing at Merritt.

The Times was pleased to welcome Pvt. Harry H. Gerecke Jr. as the 1000th new subscriber to the Times-Budget. He received a five year free subscription.

The Sesquicentennial paper, 150 pages of history of Scott, and Morgan Counties were on sale at the Times Office. The paper was compiled in observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Statehood of Illinois.

VeyAnn Coultas was named Queen of the Bluffs Homecoming Dance.

Dr. Omar Panella announced plans to move his practice to Jacksonville. He will be affiliated with the Medical Center of Walnut in Jacksonville.

St. John's Lutheran Church held a "get together" for the elderly and shut-ins in Bluffs community for a Christmas celebration.

In January of 1970 Bluffs Civic Club was seeking improvements on Route 100; Corbett files petition for improvement.

Mary Ann Traw was named Homemaker of Tomorrow Award winner at Bluffs High School, presented by the Betty Crocker Foundation.

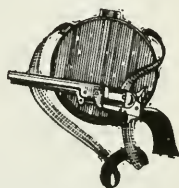
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Danny Littig was named to the PMSC All Conference Team, and Mike Williams was named to honorable mention.

George Henderson, 60, of Decatur, a brakeman for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, died at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, January 22nd in the intensive care unit at Passavant hospital in Jacksonville, from injuries sustained when he slipped or fell from the ladder of a freight train at 7:03 a.m. Thursday in Bluffs.

Masked gunmen robbed the Meredosa Farmers & Traders State Bank and made off with an undetermined amount of cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hierman were presented a pin for twenty years of service as proprietors of Gamble's Store.

Virgil Coughlin submitted his resignation to the School Board of Bluffs.

Hierman's Gamble Store was broken into for the second time in Feb. Merchandise valued at \$426 was taken. Entry was made by forcing a latch on a side door.

Scott County received the OK for the Nursing Center. Bids were to be submitted soon.

C.O. Mueller closed his grocery store in Bluffs. He will be farming full time now.

The Bluffs FFA Chapter held a Father-Son Banquet at the Blackhawk in Jacksonville.

Laine Comerford and Don Westermeyer were elected to the School Board.

Oral Woosley, R.R. Bluffs, was named Trail Boss of the annual Findley Trail Ride, scheduled to be held in Winchester this year.

Clifford Hoots discovered seven 60-pound pigs slashed and killed by dogs last Thursday evening on the Howard Hurrelbrink farm on the north side of the road across from the Raymond Morris home.

Five and one-half inches of rainfall during a 36-hour period ending Friday caused two breaks in a levee on the north side of the Mauvaisterre Creek in the bottom land just south of Naples. Fields and roads were flooded.

Miss Linda Merriman was named Queen of the Bluffs High School Prom.

The senior class of 1970 consisted of: Ruth Hutton Albers, Curt Baulos, Rita Brown, Phyllis Bruce, Lucinda Dunnaway, Roger Evans, Ruth Fargo, Bill Gillis, Joe Graves, Toni Brackett Graves, Hubert Gregory, Linda Hoots, Tom Kilver, Dan Littig, Marlon Magelitz, Linda Merriman, Mary Lou Morthole, Brenda Nave, Kenneth Parker, Linda Pond, Ronnie Rose, Robert Sandman, Jerry Schmitz, Charles Shireman, Ruth Ann Six, Mary Ann Traw, Doris Vannier and Gary Williams.

At a regular meeting held May 13, 1970, Mr. T. Edward Albertin of Havana, Ill., was employed as High School Principal for 1970-71.

Jeffrey Albers received the Bronze Star Medal for service in Vietnam.

Congressman Findley visited Naples and surrounding area to view the damage of the recent flooding. He will ask for Federal Aid for the damaged area.

The Trinity Lutheran Church began their Centennial Celebration Sunday June 14, 1970.

An eight year old Bluffs youth was critically injured at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, June 11, when he was struck while riding a bicycle on Route 100. Reported in critical

condition at the intensive care unit of Passavant hospital was Billy Odam, son of Mrs. Betty Spicer of Bluffs. State police reported the boy rode his bicycle from a driveway onto Route 100 at the north edge of Bluffs.

Progress was well underway for the Scott County Nursing Center at Winchester.

C.O. Mueller was named Commander of the Bluffs American Legion Post.

Word was received from H. W. Monroney, District Engineer of the Division of Highways in Springfield, that Route 100 running through Bluffs, would be widened and resurfaced soon.

Mrs. Judy Mueller and her four year old son were hospitalized with injuries sustained in an accident at the Naples Road Junction on Route 100 at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday June 30th. State police reported a semi-truck from Literberry, was entering Route 100 from the Naples Road when it pulled into the path of the southbound Mueller car. Damage was estimated at \$1500.

Lee Frederick, son of Mrs. Jesse Haggard of Bluffs was named to the coaching staff at Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan.

A wind and rain storm hit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laine Comerford located southwest of Bluffs near the Valley City Bridge, was struck by a falling tree and greatly damaged.

The Bluffs Village streets are undergoing a coat of oil and gravel the past week.

Trinity Lutheran Church held a timber picnic at the Leland Littig farm timber Wednesday evening, one of the many events in celebration of the 100th year of the Church.

The Methodist Church Parsonage has undergone remodeling and open house was held Sunday. The Goldsborough's invited the public to attend.

The Bluffs Legion Picnic was a success. All the Burgoo was sold early in the evening.

Mrs. Betty Reed was recipient of 25 long stemmed roses that were presented to her from the local flower dealer Mrs. Margaret Watson, from Betty's husband, Delbert, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

A fire gutted the interior of the home of Mrs. Madelyn Enke and family last Friday evening July 24th. The Bluffs Fire Department answered the alarm, but were unable to save any of the Enke furniture or the home.

Wendell W. Mathis is the new Superintendent of the Bluffs Community High School.

Hubert (Buz) Gregory, 18, was fatally injured about 7:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, August 11th on the Wendell Freeman farm at the south-east edge of Bluffs, when he lost control of the end-loader he was driving and it overturned. He was rushed to Passavant hospital by Bates Ambulance and pronounced dead on arrival. Gregory was working for Illinois Valley Asphalt Inc., of Bluffs at the time of the accident. He was taking the end-loader to a sand pit which is leased from Freeman, and located on the Freeman farm, when the tragedy occurred.

Miss Suzanne Parker was named Miss Scott County 4-H at their meeting at Winchester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parker of Bluffs.

The annual Civic Club Homecoming and Picnic was scheduled for September 5th.

Two hundred and eighty people registered at the

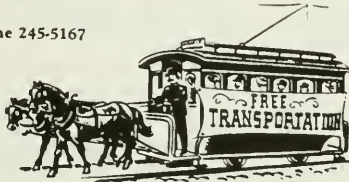


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"Grand Opening" of the Koffee Kup Kafe in Bluffs last Sunday. It was standing room only during the dinner hour, with everyone commenting on the beautifully decorated dining room.

Freese Bros. Inc. employees began setting piling and preparing to pour concrete on the new boat dock being built at Naples. The \$25,228.35 project is funded through the State of Illinois Conservation Department through Scott County.

Bluffs schools opened the year with 400 students registered.

Rev. Paul Day began his duties as pastor of the Bluffs Baptist Church on Sunday, September 13th.

IPLA Hog Market at Bluffs was closed. Plans were not announced for the future of the business.

Cindi Six was named Home-coming Queen at the Bluffs Homecoming. Bluffs Bluejays defeated Waverly at their home-coming game.

A broken water main in front of Hierman's Gamble Store Saturday p.m., Sept. 26th, caused much concern to citizens as all homes, as well as business houses were without water about two hours. The hydrant in front of Hierman's was hit by a car which broke the pipe five feet down.

Robert Lovelkamp, village policeman, was driving a new car purchased by the village board.

William R. Johnson, 40, of Bluffs, was fatally shot at a construction site Thursday, Oct. 1, at around 3: p.m. after he led law enforcement authorities on a two-hour ordeal that started at the Winchester Court House and ended at the south junction of Routes 104-67 and 100 at the foot of the Meredosia hill in Morgan County. Johnson was shot and killed by a state trooper, who was one of the many state officers from District 14-A in Pittsfield and District 9 in the Jacksonville and Beardstown area who converged on Bluffs along with Sheriff Lloyd Martin and several deputies from Scott and Morgan counties that afternoon. Authorities said Johnson advanced on the state trooper with a loaded shotgun and pistol saying "You'll have to kill me". The trooper fired his shotgun once and Johnson dropped to the ground, shot in the face and chest.

It was with great sadness that the community learned of the tragic death of young David Nevels, 10, of Meredosia, who was killed instantly Wednesday, Sept. 30 when he was run over by a backing construction truck in front of the Meredosia Grade School on Route 104 about 8:20 a.m. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nevels of Meredosia and was serving as a Patrol Boy at the School.

A thief or thieves broke into the Hullinger Texaco Station and June's Koffee Kup Kafe Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Cigarettes were found missing from Texaco and a card of pipes and two boxes of candy from the restaurant.

Representative Jerry Corbett presented an Illinois State Flag to the Bluffs School in special assembly held Monday morning, October 24th.

Mike Magill was seriously wounded in Vietnam. He was in a hospital in Cam Ram Bay for treatment, and Nolan Dale Shireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shireman, received a bronze star in Vietnam for Heroism in action. with 400 students.

Word was received October 29th of the death in Vietnam of Sgt. Phillip Kilver, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kilver, R.R. Bluffs. Sgt. Kilver was reported killed

on a military mission while driving a military vehicle, which was struck by another vehicle in a heavy rain storm near Cam Rahm Bay in Vietnam.

Staff Sergeant Michael Magill received a second purple heart in Vietnam for additional wounds received.

The Bluffs IPLA buying point opened again November 2, 1970. Carl Warfel has been employed as manager of the station.

Robert Merris, formerly of Bluffs, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merris, R.R. Bluffs, was named editor of the New York "Daily Argus" in Decatur

A beautiful new Random House dictionary was presented to the Bluffs Public Library on November 13th by the Bluffs Woman's Club.

A bond issue for the improvement of the Bluffs Village Sewer facilities passed Tuesday Nov. 17, 1970 by a vote of 77 for and 19 against. The bond issue, totaling \$94,000 is for payment of the cost of improving the village sewer system, including improvements to the sewage treatment plant.

Robert Lovelkamp village policeman, found a pipe in the old John Korty Jewelry Shop building which Lovelkamp and Charles Batley have razed.

Nov. 17th Mrs. Margaret Watson was installed as Worthy Matron of Floy Chapter #566 with Mrs. Mildred Little as Associate Matron and Oliver Chambers, Associate Patron.

Wayne Masterson, 66, of Bluffs, died after arrival at Illini hospital in Pittsfield, after he stepped from a platform on the Florence Bridge four miles west of Winchester on Route 36-54, into the path of an auto driven by Ray Steinheimer of Jacksonville. Mr. Masterson was employed as a tender at the Florence Bridge.

In December, workmen tore the old leaking roof off the Bluffs Legion Home, and installed a new roof the same day. On Wednesday the men returned to put the finishing touches of tar, gravel and metal trim on the roof.

Employees of the Norfolk and Western Railroad began working in December, on the Main Railroad Crossing on Route 100 in Bluffs. They are making repairs prior to the blacktopping of the Highway, being done by Illinois Valley Asphalt Co. of Bluffs.

The Bluffs FFA Chapter is selling Christmas trees as a money making project.

Ray Schmitzer was elected to serve as 1971 Civic Club President; Carl Krusa, Vice-President; John Allen, Secretary; Charles Neubauer, Treasurer.

1971 dawned with a glorious future of bright promise, high hopes and much activity, beginning with plans for the Bluffs Centennial, which was held July 10 and 11. The citizens of Bluffs hope that the next one-hundred years will be as progressive as the last one-hundred years.

A group of interested citizens met at the city hall in Bluffs and made plans to celebrate the coming birthday of our village. The date was set for July 10th and 11th, and everyone was invited to participate in the event.

A regular feature in the months to come had "Brothers" of the Brush pictured each week in the local paper, and many plans were finalized to make the forthcoming events a success.

According to Illinois Agricultural Statistics Assessors' Annual Farm Census for 1970 (as of April 1, 1970) there were 1,501 persons living on farms in Scott County, with the average size of each farm 319 acres, and total acreage of 152,

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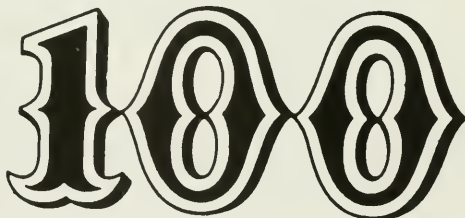
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330. A total of 389 farms reported a corn acreage of 40,078 in 1970; 366 reported 34,439 acres of soybeans harvested; 31 farms harvested 356 acres in oats; 9,656 acres of wheat harvested on 281 farms. Four farms harvested 51 acres of barley; 14 farms harvested 171 acres of rye. Acres of alfalfa cut for hay on 134 farms totaled 2,416 with other mixtures of hay reaching 781 acres on 50 farms. One Scott County farm reported an orchard, consisting of 50 apple trees. Thirty-eight farms reported 12,088 hens and pullets of laying age.

A total of 23 farms reported 103 milk cows and heifers; there were 3,989 head of grain fed cattle two years old and over; and 229 farms reported 3,819 beef cows and heifers; and 2,426 head of other cattle and calves marketed from 143 farms. As of Jan. 1, 1970, 730 head of breeding ewes were reported on 42 farms. A total of 219 farms reported 4,475 head of sows, farrowing June 1, 1969 to Dec. 1, 1969, while 231 farms reported 4,448 head, farrowings Dec. 1, 1969 to June 1, 1970. 49 farms reported 8,336 head of feeder pigs purchased in 1969.

Illinois Valley Asphalt, Inc. won the award for the best bituminous paving for a resurfacing project on U.S. 67 south of Jacksonville, at the annual meeting of the Associated General Contractors of Illinois in Springfield.

Miss Suzanne Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parker, received the Good Citizen Award from the DAR.

A formal Dedication and Memorial Service was held at the schoolyard in Bluffs, March 12th, in memory of Sgt. Kilver, who was killed on a military mission in Vietnam in October, 1970. A forty foot flag pole, erected with funds contributed in Phil's memory by his classmates and former boy scout buddies, complete with bronze plaque attached to the base of the pole, was erected, and U. S. Army representatives were present to present a flag to the school to be used on the pole, in Phil's memory. Posthumous medals were also presented at that time to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kilver of RR, Bluffs.

"Open House" was held at the new Scott County Nursing Home in Winchester Sunday, April 18th, with Harold Oakes and John Allen serving as board members of the home.

Lyle Bates, long time Bluffs Funeral Director, passed away at the age of 78 at Passavant hospital Sunday, April 11, 1971, and was buried in the Versailles cemetery.

William Kleinschmidt was re-elected to head the Bluffs School board, with Jack Barnett, Laine Comerford and Danny Likes elected to serve a full term and Harold Morris elected to serve an unexpired term.

Miss Marilyn F. Hoots, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoots was sent to Girl's State by the Bluffs American Legion Auxiliary, and made a report back to the organization.

LeRoy Vortman Jr., Neil Parker and James W. Freeman were re-elected as village trustees for four year terms; and Mrs. Mary Ann Bailey and David Orchard were elected to the local Library board.

Miss Nancy Whorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Whorton, was crowned "Miss Centennial" at the Centennial Ball held Saturday, June 5th in the Bluffs grade gym. Miss Violet Dickens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dickens was 1st runner-up, and Miss Sandy Hendricks, daughter of Mrs. Wanda Hendricks and James Hendricks was 2nd runner-up. Other candidates were Miss Joni Brockway, daughter of Mrs. Martha Zostak; Miss Cathy Buhlig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buhlig; Miss Rita Hutton, daughter of Mrs. Letha

Hutton and the late Donald Hutton; Miss Paula Nunes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nunes; Miss Suzanne Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parker; Miss Marilyn Placke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Placke; Miss Leslie Pond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pond; Miss Pamela Schmitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schmitz.

Mayor John Allen purchased the first copy of the re-produced 1903 Atlas of Scott County, which was printed by Jones Publishing Co. of Bluffs, in honor of the Centennial Year.

Floyd R. Hierman, owner of the Gambles Store in Bluffs, and well-known respected business man, passed away Thursday, June 3rd at Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville. He was a 50-year member of Charles Wolford Post 441, 50-year member of the Bluffs Masonic Lodge and the Ansar Shrine and Consistory, and the Shriner's Club of Jacksonville, and a past president of the Village Board of Bluffs, Illinois.

Bluffs residents attended "Bluffs" Booster Day" in St. Louis, Sunday, June 12th at which time the Cardinals played the Pittsburgh Pirates. Mayor John Allen threw the first ball of the day to Ray Schmitker, President of the Bluffs Civic Club in a pre-game ceremony, and "Miss Centennial", Nancy Whorton, also took part in the ceremonies.

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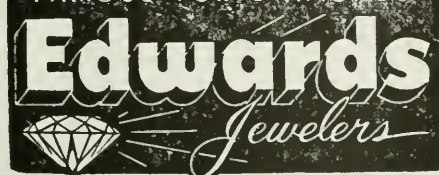
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## Bluffs Business Houses - 1971

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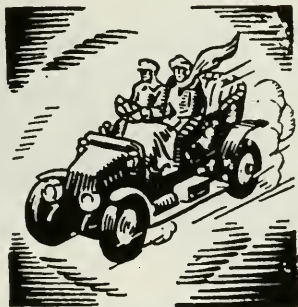


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The present school board consists of the following: William Kleinschmidt, president; Danny Likes, Secretary; Members - Harold Morris, Jack Barnett, Clyde W. Baulos, Laine Comerford, Don Westermeyer.

Mr. Wendell Mathis serves as Superintendent of Bluffs Community Schools, Mr. T. Edward Albertin serves as Principal of the High School and Mr. Robert Lawson serves as Principal of the Grade School. Mrs. Helen Smith serves as secretary to the Superintendent and also serves as school board secretary, while Mrs. Sharon Priest serves as Mr. Albertin's secretary.

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The Bank of Bluffs, organized almost a century ago, started business in what is now the Gregory Appliance Store. The old building was remodeled to conform with needs of a modern bakery with living quarters above and was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Corbridge, who later moved to Champaign in the early 20's. Following a fire which destroyed the W.H.Green Hardware and the W.J.Doyle Grocery store the old bank building became the Green Hardware, became a bake shop again when sold to James Wolford, son of the late Charles Wolford. The W.H.Green and Son moved across the street to the Fred Brockhouse building now Dicken's Electric Shop. When the Wolford Bakery closed the Hardware store recrossed the street to the one time bank building.

The stockholders on August 3, 1893 were: William Neat, C. H. Condit, Frank Linkins, William McCaleb, Herman Hobrock, Charles Crisp, George E. Husband, Henry Dresser, John Knoeppel and Henry Knoeppel. F. W. Korty joined the partnership on August 5, 1893, and Charles Oakes on September 29, 1893. On organization date, John Knoeppel was elected president, and Frank Linkins, cashier.

In 1907 the bank erected a new building of Bedford stone at the Southeast corner of Bluffs and Oakes Streets. This building with improvements has since been the home of the bank.

On November 1, 1920, the Bank of Bluffs was incorporated as a State Bank. At that time G.W. Woodall, S. G. Smith, Charles Oakes, Royal Oakes, George H. Vannier, Clarence McCaleb and H. C. Knoeppel were the board of directors. Charles Oakes, President, H. C. Knoeppel, Vice President, E. L. Kendall, Cashier, J. A. Knoeppel, Assistant Cashier, Florence Lashmet, Bookkeeper, were the officers and employees of the bank.



The bank's present board of directors are Henry H. Kilver, J. A. Knoeppel, F. J. Muntman, Harold Oakes and Clyde L. Taylor. The present officers and employees are: President, J. A. Knoeppel, Vice President, F. J. Muntman, Cashier, Clyde L. Taylor, Assistant Cashier, Jack C. Moore, Assistant Cashier, Vera H. Korty, Bookkeeper and Teller, Corrine M. Orchard, Bookkeeper and Teller, Orma Meier, Bookkeeper and Teller, Donald L. Kilver, and Julia A. Huddleston, Building Custodian.



This postcard pictures four officials. L to R: Henry Knoeppel, E. L. Kendall, Albert Knoeppel and Charles Hale. They with Charles Oakes, early founder of Bluffs, shaped its destiny. All were natives of the area except Mr. Kendall who came to Bluffs on a bicycle. He married the daughter of J. C. Lewis, druggist and Opera House owner, Mrs. Ray Griswold. Mr. Kendall was the first president of the Civic Club. The present Lewis Park and Library site are generous gifts honoring the Kendalls and Mrs. Lewis.

The Lewis building housing a drug store, the office of Dr. Harvey Sears (later the Kopp Barber Shop) and the Kilpatrick Undertaking Room have been raised.

The make-shift Civic Club platform for free Saturday night programs grew into the present outdoor stage, complete with dressing rooms and landscaped grounds. A croquet court, project of the WPA days had been removed for more picnic and playground area. A stone marks the Park donor and the American Legion places a wreath on the marker dedicated to those who lost their life in War II.

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## History of Bluffs Public Library



Many changes have taken place since Bluffs first had a library, but each change has been a step forward.

As nearly as can be determined, the first type of library in Bluffs was started in 1932 as part of either a WPA or NYA project for the community and was located on the second floor of the old City Hall with Vita Chapman as director. Lending books obtained from the Illinois State Library was only part of this project. The first major step toward a permanent library was taken in 1937 when the American Legion helped start a Public Library with books borrowed from the WPA with Mrs. August Damin as Librarian. This was located on the second floor of the Bridgman Building where the American Legion had their headquarters and the Legion assisted with both volunteer labor and money to get this started. This arrangement continued until 1943 when the American Legion decided it would continue this on a limited schedule for three months, with a member from each other organization on an Advisory Board. As an outcome of this, on July 20, 1943, a special election was held to levy a tax of 2 mills on the dollar for the purpose of maintaining a Public Library in the Village of Bluffs; thus the first tax-supported library was established in Bluffs twenty-eight years ago. In this special election, 42 people voted for the proposal, 1 against, and 1 ballot was spoiled. The newly elected Library Trustees were E. L. Kendall, Dr. E. C. Thorne, C. M. Ritter, C. O. Mueller, August Damin, and Mrs. O. A. Woodson. Dr. E. C. Thorne was elected President of the Library Board and remained in that position until his death.

In 1947, the American Legion moved from the Bridgman Building, thus leaving the library on their own, but to help the library over a bad financial time, the Legion voted to help pay the rent and utilities for several months for the library to remain in the building. In October, 1948, Mrs. E. L. Kendall gave the property formerly occupied by the telephone office adjacent to the Park to the library. In 1954, the Bluffs Library was moved to this location. Mrs. E. C. Thorne became the second Librarian in September, 1955.

In 1966, plans were drawn for a new library building and submitted to the Village Board for discussion relative to an election for a bond issue to build a new building. An election was held on November 1, 1966, and the bond issue was approved. Since it had been decided to build

the new building on the property donated by Mrs. Kendall, it was necessary to pack and store the books and raze the old library. The new library was opened for the public on February 5, 1968. In the meantime, Mrs. Wilmont Boes, the third Librarian, had been succeeded by Mrs. Bernard Beeley, our present Librarian.

Since its inception in 1937, one of the major improvements has been to become a member of the Great River Library System, enabling the public to have at their disposal a large and varied selection of good books, records, and films. Over the years, the library has often experienced some lean years, but survived and thrived due to the efforts of the past Board members and the citizens of the community. Among those who have served as Library Board members, in addition to those already listed, are Mrs. Paul Vannier, Royal Oakes, John Allen, M. Leroy Pond, and Mrs. E. L. Kendall, Honorary Board Chairman, Mrs. Amelia Mueller, Rev. M. D. Goldsborough, Mrs. Jack Moore.

The present board is as follows: Mrs. John Allen, Pres., Mrs. J. W. Freeman, Secretary; Mrs. David Orchard, Treasurer; Mrs. Norris Whorton, Mr. Bernard Goetze, Mrs. James Bailey.

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Lodge was originally started in 1863 but not enough members to get a charter.

In 1863 John McKomey, Elihu Armitage and John Gannon got together to organize and was called Gannon Lodge, no number.

In 1865 the required number of members got a charter as Exeter Lodge No. 424 from Grandmaster H. P. H. Bromwell.

Elihu Armitage Master, John McKamey S.W., John Gannon J.W., D.O. Gillette, Treas., J.B. Mayes Secy., R.T. Thompson Tyler, J.H. Brackett, Dr. A. Long, Tom McCherry, Wm. Mason, E.S. Gillham, Alex Berry, Peter Slagle, James Neeley, Luke Bonsteel, J.B.A. Mayes Jr. These members bought the east part of the Brick Building on the north side of the street and later the other adjacent building on the west of the lodge, which is the present Masonic building. The store on east is run by Marie Berry and on the west by the Hubbard sisters as an antique shop. At one time we had 117 members, when Naples Lodge was arrested about 40 masons came to Exeter Lodge 424 making a total of 117 members, sometime in the 1890s. At the present time we only have a membership of 30. (1971)

The present officers are Everett Morris, W.M., Nimrod Funk, S.W., Clarence Korty, J.W., Wilbur Mathews, Treas., Homer Grady, Secy., Art Grady, Tyler. We have three 50 year members, Homer Grady, Lawrence and Ralph Gillham. Raymond Morris will be a 50-year member in October 1971 making a total of 4-50 year members.

Some of the records are not legible, the ink has faded and can not be read. -- Homer Grady, Sec'y., June 1971.



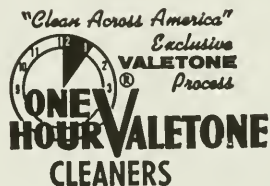
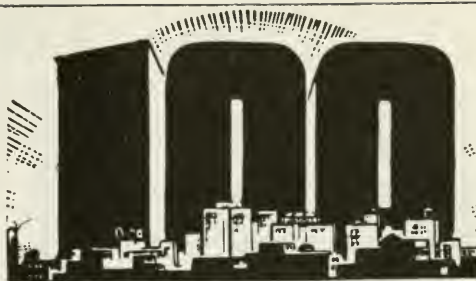
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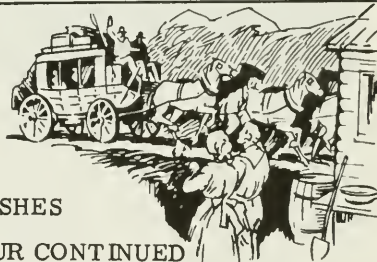


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# Our Churches

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## United Methodist Church



The first organization of the M. P. church in Bluffs was affected in 1844 when a group of citizens met in a log school house in the northeast part of town. Thomas Green Sr., was the main pillar of the church then, and for many years later.

A frame church was erected one-half mile north of Bluffs in 1858. Twenty years later the church house was moved to the present location and in 1895 it was remodelled to the extent of \$1600 and the organization became detached from the Chapin circuit whom they had been affiliated with previously.

Saturday, August 9, 1913 a meeting was held and bids opened for the building of a new church. Contract was awarded to Harry Branch of Pittsfield and the building was to cost approximately \$7,500.00.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913 work began on the new building, a short service of song and prayer was held and the first shovel of dirt was turned by Mrs. Anna Chance, who had been a member of the church over 42 years.

The new church was completed and the dedication program was held on February 14, 1914 with an all-day service.

The Reverend M. C. Goldsborough is the present pastor of the Bluffs Methodist Church. He has served Bluffs and Naples for the past several years and is well liked and respected by the parishioners and townspeople.

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church



St. Patrick's Catholic Church has reason to celebrate a Centennial. It is 100 years old this year. It was built in 1871 and has stood the ravages of time well. It is still a pretty good building though it has had much work and improvements made on it in the last 29 years. The Congregation making up the parish today expect to be going there to Mass for years to come.

Before the building of the church the old timers had Mass in the homes of John O'Brien and William Quinlan. Many Catholics lived in Naples, at the time, for it was quite a hamlet with much river activity. Boats plied the river daily and business in the little town was brisk. A letter from Mrs. Margaret Evans Hirth, Pekin, daughter of the late Mrs. Charlotte Evans tells more than the average person knows about the Catholic faith practice in those days.

Paragraphs in her letter to Mrs. E. J. Kearney, who has lived here only two score years, has this to say about what mother Evans said regarding the early days, "Sorry I cannot tell you more of mama's version of the days of long ago. Regarding the building of St. Patrick's Church I remember that she said her grandfather John Meehan drove horse and wagon to Griggsville for rocks for the church foundation. Great grandfather Meehan and his sons, John, Michael and Thomas (grandfather of Mary Claire Meehan Hagood, and his hired men and many good men of that day built the church. Being a Meehan, of course, great-grandfather was foreman of the crew." Of course, the ancestors, Thomas O'Brien and his wife also did their best and helped build the church. A Mrs. Morgan and other women, it is said, "gathered in the money" to equip the church, etc.

Edward Kearney's own mother, a native of Ireland who with her husband, Patrick Kearney often related the fact that they once attended Mass at a Mrs. Doyle's home in Naples. Evidently she was the mother of the late Billie Doyle, Mrs. Katie Anderson and Mrs. Ella Memis.



Mrs. Hirth adds to her letter the following of interest. "Another interesting story, was before the church was built Sunday Mass was said at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Evans' grandparents. The chest that was used as an altar was given to the former Charlotte Evans, daughter of Joe Evans, it being a gift from Mrs. Charlotte Evans remembered here yet today for all the good deeds she did. Young Charlotte has it rubbed down, and it is lovelier than ever. She and her husband are proud of it."

So much for the old days of St. Patrick's Church. At one time it is said 125 people attended Mass there and that would have made for a crowded church. The first Mass was said by Father D.J. Cogan in 1872. In 1893 some rear rooms were added to the Church. It was thought the priest could sleep there and eat elsewhere. Little used then, they have come in handy in recent years by the students in the Christian Doctrine classes.

A good many years after the church was built, Father Lydon, pastor of the church in Mt. Sterling, came here and said Sunday Mass. He came on Saturday and stayed overnight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien. Connections on the high line were poor and he had to wait for the Monday morning train to get back to Mt. Sterling.

At the present the church has for its pastor Rev. A.D. LeBreton. Father LeBreton lives in Winchester and serves St. Mark's Church in that town. He travels to Bluffs several times during the week to fulfill his duties at our mission church.

Much has been done in the past two years to redecorate the inside of the church. When work needs to be done, Father LeBreton can depend on his parishioners to work with great zeal because their mission church means very much to them.

The experience of the Second Vatican council has given Catholics in the United States a fresh outlook and new horizons. St. Patrick's Church in Bluffs is in harmony with the intentions of the council and feels that ours is not completely a church of the past. Ours is always a church of the present moment, thus, we move with an awareness of the times.

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## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



In November 1912 a group of people met with the Rev. P. A. Soerenson who was the Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Meredosia, Trinity and Oxville Lutheran Churches, for the purpose of organizing a Lutheran Church in Bluffs. Soon after this meeting, on December 15th, they began holding services in the Lewis Opera House in Bluffs and a short time later they purchased the land where the church is now located.

Construction of the new church began immediately and was soon completed. On November 2nd, 1913, the corner stone was laid at a service at 10:00 A.M. after which the congregation received the keys to the church and immediately entered the sanctuary for the dedication of the building to the glory of God.

We have not been able to find an exact list of the charter members but among the first members were the family names of Albers, Benz, Botterbusch, Brockhouse, Comrady, Engelbrecht, Finnigsmeier, Gilman, Guenther, Hubbert, Huseman, Knoeppel, Krusa, Middendorf, Mueller, Nortrup, Puls, Ranft, Schroeder, Schuessler, Tholen, Vannier, Vortman and Weiss. Other names were soon added to the list. Because many of the members were of German background services were held in both the German and English languages.

In 1914 the congregation decided to purchase a parsonage in Bluffs located on Branch Street and Rev. Sorenson and his family moved to Bluffs while continuing to serve

the Meredosia, Trinity and Oxville Congregations along with St. John's which he continued to serve until November 1st, 1915. From then until 1920 he served only the Bluffs and Oxville Congregations.

Following the resignation of Rev. Sorenson in 1920, the Meredosia and Trinity Congregations again united with the Bluffs and Oxville Congregations in calling a Pastor and in November of 1920 the Rev. W. C. Heidemreich came to serve the four congregations. At his suggestion, the four congregations at their Annual Meetings in January voted to affiliate with the new Illinois Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America. During his pastorate, regular services in the German Language were discontinued but special services and Holy Communion were Administered in the German language for some time. In 1925 the church building was raised from its foundation and the basement was excavated to provide for a large room for the Sunday School and a social room and on the north a kitchen and boiler room for the new heating system. A change was also made at the front which was extended to provide a basement entrance on the west side of the main entrance and also provided for a cloak room on the east. The nave was replastered and rededicated on November 8th, 1925. Rev. Heidemreich resigned in April 1927 after almost seven years as pastor.

In June 1928, The Rev. J. S. Utesch came to serve the four churches and continued to do so until December 31st, 1932, when he resigned from active pastoral work and moved to Chicago.

In 1932 our congregation sent its first and only man into fulltime work for God, Marteen Kilver graduated from Carthage College in 1929, then after attending the Seminary at Maywood was ordained in the spring of 1932.

In June 1933, the Rev. W. A. Hallen, a young pastor, came and served the four churches until May 26, 1938, when he resigned from Bluffs and Oxville and moved to Meredosia.

In April 1939 a call was extended to the Rev. L. C. Ogan who came in May to serve St. John's and Oxville. During his ministry the Oxville Church voted to discontinue services and disband as many members had transferred to St. John's until December 31st, 1940, when he was called to Advent Church in St. Louis where he is still serving.

The Rev. Samuel W. Jensen was called in February 1941 and began serving in June after his ordination into the Illinois Synod. He resigned on January 31st, 1943.

The Rev. Dwight A. Filkins, a graduate of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary was called May 1943 and installed on June 29th of that year. During his ministry the property of the Oxville Congregation was disposed of with Rev. Filkins representing the Illinois Synod. He resigned in 1947.

After several months with a resident pastor a call was given to the Rev. Johann Rodvik of Fort Madison, Iowa, and he began his pastorate November 1st, 1947. During his ministry, a new Hammond Electric Organ and Chimes with Out-door Amplification System was purchased and installed with dedication taking place on March 13, 1949. Rev. Rodvik resigned on August 31st, 1950.

For several months the pulpit was again filled with supply pastors from Carthage College and in April 1951

another newly ordained pastor, the Rev. Irl C. Schahrer was called and began serving in July. The interior of the church was redecorated during his ministry. He continued his work until July 15, 1954, when he submitted his resignation.

Supply pastors again filled the pulpit until June 7th, 1955, when the Rev. Karlis T. Kuskevics came and began his pastorate. Soon after his arrival the congregation voted to sell the parsonage on Branch Street and build a new parsonage on the lot back of the church. This parsonage was ready for occupancy by January 1st, 1956, and was dedicated by the late Rev. Harmon J. McGuire, president of the Illinois Synod on June 3rd, 1956. Later that year the Young People's Sunday School Class purchased the beautiful stained glass windows which we have, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden, Illinois. They were installed in February and dedicated September 22, 1957. On January 6, 1960, Rev. Kuskevics resigned after serving here almost five years to go to St. Peter's Church in Chicago.

In March 1960 a call was extended to the Rev. Lyle E. Sucher who was ordained in May and installed as pastor of St. John's June 19th, 1960. In May 1961 the two lots east of the church were purchased from the Doyle estate, the gift of Mrs. Della Albers. In July 1963 the congregation voted to purchase the Charles Wills property east of the church for a parsonage, with funds received from the Lyle Husband estate. This parsonage was dedicated September 22, 1963. Rev. Sucher left Bluffs in the spring of 1964.

In 1965 the Rev. Kenneth Lein served as pastor of St. John's until 1966.

Since that time the Rev. George Bischoff has served as vice-pastor.

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Neelyville was organized in the year 1870, after preaching services or Sunday School had been held for sometime previous, at first in the homes of some of the members.

On August 20, 1868, a piece of property was acquired as a cemetery, and on the north-west corner of this property, the congregation built its first house of worship. The exact date of the building and dedication of this first church can no longer be ascertained. The church records contain no account of the erection or dedication of this first church building. It is believed that the year 1870 was the year of dedication as the Trinity dates her history as an organization from that time.

Trinity's first pastor after the congregation was organized was the Rev. F. W. Wamke. Rev. Wamke served as pastor for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation near Chapin, also. He continued in that capacity until 1881. On February 6, 1881, Rev. Wamke died. On the second Sunday after Easter, 1881, Rev. J. H. Haake was installed. Rev. Haake served both Trinity and St. Paul's congregations for ten years from 1881 to 1891. In 1891 he accepted a call to the Lutheran Church at Mt. Prospect Cook County, Illinois. On the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, 1891, Rev. Ed. Tappenback, who came to Illinois from Nebraska, was installed as pastor of both congregations.



In a few years, the desire was expressed by both congregations to have church services in both churches every Sunday morning. In a meeting held on June 24, 1894, Trinity decided to build a parsonage and call its own pastor. A call was sent to Rev. H.G. Schwagmeyer of Butler, Pennsylvania. Rev. Schwagmeyer accepted the call and he was installed as Trinity's first resident pastor on the 13th Sunday after Trinity 1894, by Rev. Tappenback. A short time later, he moved into the newly erected parsonage build on a three acre plot of ground west of the original church property, upon the hill where the congregation held its first services many years before.

On May 27, 1901, the congregation decided the old church building was no longer adequate to accommodate the growing congregation and decided to gather funds for the purpose of building a new church. A committee was chosen together with the pastor and work began. Since it had been decided to put the new building on the same spot as the old one was standing it was necessary first to move the old church across the road.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid on November 10, 1901, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther. On May 25, 1902 the building was dedicated.

Two years after the dedication of the church it was decided to tear down the old church building and erect a school out of the salvaged material. On November 20, 1904 this building was dedicated.

Trinity has never enjoyed the privilege of a full time church school. A number of attempts have been made to start such a school, but always with rather disheartening results.

On September 30, 1915, Pastor Schwagmeyer accepted a call to become pastor of St. Paul's Congregation at Vandalia, Ill. The Rev. John Deterding, stationed at Mattoon, Wisconsin, was called. He accepted the call and was installed as Trinity's second resident pastor on November 7, 1915.

In July, 1917, a Ladies' Aid Society was organized, which chose as its name "The Willing Workers." This organization remains active to this date.

Although Trinity was served by pastors of the Missouri Synod almost since the beginning, it was not a mem-

ber of this synod. In the year 1920, Mr. Ed Northrup made the motion that they became a voting member of the Missouri Synod. The motion was passed.

Sometime after 1922 a young people's society was organized and is presently one of the most active organizations within our church.

The old cemetery having become almost filled, necessitated that Trinity congregation purchase more land. A two-acre plot of ground about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile northeast of the church was purchased in the year 1924 and laid out for burial lots.

In 1940, only one service each month was preached in the German language; the other services were preached in the English language. The congregation decided in 1943 that all services were to be preached in the English language and this practice remains to date.

In 1946 the Men's Club was organized, and remains active today.

In February of the year 1959, Pastor Deterding died. Pastor Matzke of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chapin, became our vacancy pastor. During the vacancy period, five calls were extended and returned. On December 9, 1959, a call was extended to Pastor Hawley. He accepted much to the gratitude of the congregation.

In the year 1960, the month of February, Pastor James Hawley became the third resident pastor in the history of Trinity Lutheran Church. In July or August of 1964 Pastor Hawley accepted a call to Concordia Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill. From August 1964 to January 1965 the church was served by a vacancy pastor from Jacksonville; Rev. Otto Borchelt. In January 1965, Rev. R.C. Staudacher came to Trinity. He died in September 1965. From September 1965 to August 1966, Rev. Otto Borchelt was again vacancy pastor of Trinity.

On August 7, 1966, Rev. Donald Kroll was ordained and installed pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. He is, to date, still pastor at Trinity, and pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Winchester, Illinois.

Plans for a new church were brought forth by ground breaking ceremonies October 29, 1967. The cornerstone was laid in ceremonies on September 8, 1968. The Congregation's new church was dedicated on January 26th, 1969. The Trinity Lutheran Church celebrated its centennial year in 1970.



## Methodist Episcopal Church (now consolidated)



The Bluffs ME Church ground was deeded to William McCaleb, Cora Bagby, Wm. Griggs, Hiram Vangundy, D. M. Forney, Charles Pease and Frank Linkins (The name "Linion" was crossed out with red ink). Trustees: for the use and benefit of the Ministry and membership subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointment of said church to wit described lots 55 and 56 in Charles Oakes third addition to town of Bluffs, Illinois bounded on North by Oakes Street, for the sum of \$200. Dated August 24, 1895. Signed Charles Oakes and his wife Anna Oakes. The church was built by Rev. T. B. Smith the same year, cost \$4,500; seating capacity 500 and dedicated September 22, 1895 by Rev. W.F. Gilmore D.D.

James C. Lewis was on the Notary Seal and J.L. Johnson recorded the deed March 21, 1896 for a 75¢ fee. We are thankful to Mrs. Vera McCaleb Korty for a 34 page illustrated program of the three great days of rejoicing August 25, A Great Lecture; Aug. 26 Annual Burgoo Premium Picnic and Concert in Jas. Burbank's grove  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles due south of Bluffs. James Scott of Markham was the Burgoo maker.

The advertisements in the program were a who's who of the Times of Rejoicing. W.S. Dennis, Gen. Mdse. and Silk; J.A. Hilderbrand restaurant with "Exclusive Stand Privilege on Grounds"; John Korty, Wabash Time Inspector; Chas. Six, Tonsorial Artist, Exeter and H.B. Sargent Bluffs; J.A. Arundel, Livery Feed Wood & Coal; M.E. Hawkins,

lunch, ice cream sodas and Lemonade soda pop; Knoeppel and Son, Lumber, Sash, Doors, Lime, Hair and Cement; Doyle, grocery; James Campbell, the poor man's friendly groceries & nuts; Thompson Bros. Butchers, roasts & cutlets; A. Ping, poultry, eggs, hides, pelts, wool and junk; F.C. Funk, atty at Law, real estate & loans; McCaleb & Kilpatrick Embalmers with latest style funerals, goods always on hand and hearse in attendance; Lewis Opera House seats 400 with chairs and Emmerson pianos, drugs and notions, all that and 30 or more Jacksonville ads. John Kenison sold watches and Schroll's Dept. Store were in Meredosia.

The first M E Church meeting was in Quintals Hall (later Wagoner Opera House) by Rev. T.B. Smith of Naples and the continuous four week meetings resulted in conversion and accession to the society of 121 persons. The church eventually became a part of the United Methodist and the M.E. & M. P. members all attended the present Methodist Church.

A deed dated March 2, 1946 conveyed the property to Paul H. Vannier and Dorothy H. Vannier and was signed by E. L. Kendall, President of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Ray L. Kendall, Secretary. The recording fee was \$1.10 and N. J. Moore, the recorder.

The Vanniers converted the 1895 building into five five-room apartments in 1946 with outside control hotwater heating. They were able to obtain materials only by priority of Military service and the apartments could be rented only to War II Veterans. They were Virgil Coughlin, Melvin Dalhaus, Leroy Goodin and William Kendall.

## Bluffs Baptist Church



The Bluffs Baptist Church was first organized about the year 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hullinger were two of the first members. When their home burned in 1952 all of the previous records were lost in the fire.

In 1955 when Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bruce moved to this community there were nine members. At the present there are approximately 70 members and the average Sunday School attendance over the last few months is 72.

Some former pastors of the Church are: Bro. Clarence Lister, Bro. Jimmie Beck, Bro. Bruce B. Holmes, Bro. John Acree, Bro. James A. Wesbecker, Bro. John Helenthal, Bro. James Bailey.

Bro. Paul Day is the present Pastor. He and Mrs. Day have two children, Paul Jr., and Cindy. This is his first

pastorate and he is very dedicated to the Lord's work.

Two from the church have answered the call to Christian Service as preachers. Brother Larry Childers, pastor of Rushville Baptist Church and Brother Wendy Sapp, student at college, studying for his work in the ministry.

The former Church building was erected in 1904 and was at the time Free Methodist. In 1942, the building was purchased and thereafter known as the Bluffs Baptist Church. The Church was razed during the summer of 1967. On March 10, 1965, the Church, with Rev. J.A. Wesbecker as pastor voted to elect a Building Committee which was composed of LeRoy Vortman, Jack Barnett and Bob Little. Plans for the structure were drawn by John W. Allen. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in April.

The building is 30 x 50 of brick veneer. The auditorium is constructed of laminated wood beams with nursery provisions and a pastor's study. The picture of the Head of Christ, which hangs at the front of the Church, was given by "Grandma" Kate Barnett, now deceased. The Church has a full basement, with two rest rooms, a kitchen and classrooms with paneling and petitions. The first services in the new building were held on January 8, 1967. All of the labor was volunteer except the laying of the bricks and the installation of the glass doors.

Many difficulties had to be overcome, and the few faithful members are to be commended for the many months of hard labor. God bless each one and those who had a financial part, which also included individuals in the community that are not members of the Church.

Officers for 1971: Pastor Reverend Paul Day. Clerk-Bess Bruce, Treasurer-Virgil Huseman, W.M.U. Leader-Mrs. Paul Day, Church Song Leader-Jack Barnett, Building Committee: Jack Barnett LeRoy 'Hap' Vortman, and Bob Little. Sunday School Superintendent-Kenneth Bruce. Training Union Director-Madge Bentley. Deacons-Kenneth Bruce, Jack Barnett and Virgil Huseman.



Henry Price and Ada Cox, husband and wife, taken December 1895. William Henry Price was born Dec. 5, 1871; Ada Annis Cox was born January 7, 1874. Three children were born of their marriage: A baby girl, born Dec. 23, 1897, who died at birth; Etta Mae, born Dec. 1, 1899 and George Henry, born Nov. 6, 1901.



Henry H. and Anna Hobrock Kilver. Mr. Kilver will be 90 years old in August, and Mrs. Kilver was 89 last January.

They are parents of Mrs. Florence Metternich, and Mrs. Ferne Knudsen and Harold Kilver and have four living grandchildren and one deceased, and five great-grandchildren.



Flag drill "For God and Country" at a Children's Day program at St. John's Lutheran Church of Bluffs, about 1916. From L to R: Marteen Kilver, Elmer Hyler, Vern Mueller, Clarence Weiss, Freda Tholen, Gladys Thomas, Thelma Bosse and Rena Sommers.

# History of the Bluffs Organizations

## Bluffs Lodge No. A.F. & A.M.

Bluffs Lodge No. 846 A.F. & A.M. was instituted on Wednesday evening, March 11th, 1896 A.L. 5896 with eleven members present. Charles A. House and E.D. Beird were raised while the Lodge was working under dispensation from Brother Owen Scott, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Illinois.

On October 7th, 1896, thirteen Brother Masons met in the hall of Scott Lodge No. 702 I.O.O.F. and originated Bluffs Lodge No. 846. Present were: Bros. Frank Linkens, John M. Davis, H.C. Finney, McClelland Miley, S.R. Clark, H.M. Fuson, W.W. Carver, J.E. Arundal, F.C. Funk, S.M. Borum, James Hamilton, E.D. Beird, and Chas. A. House. Officers elected were: F.C. Funk, W.M., Frank Linkens, S.W., John M. Davis, J.W., and H.C. Finney, Secretary.

In 1909 Bluffs Lodge No. 846 with a membership of thirty nine, celebrated its thirteenth anniversary, with visiting brethren and their families as their guests. After the rendition of the program, the members and their guests spend the time in social enjoyment until the announcement of the banquet prepared by the committee in the store room below the hall, where all repaired and replenished and refreshed the inner man and departed for their homes convinced that the thirteenth anniversary was a success.

On August 1, 1934, Bluffs Lodge No. 846 moved from the City Hall to the Victor Knoeppel building, its present location.

On November 13, 1934 Bluffs Lodge No. 846 celebrated its thirty ninth anniversary. Brother F.D. Funk, the first master of the Lodge gave a very interesting talk on the founding and past history of the Lodge.

On March 8, 1938, Brother Everett L. Lawrence, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Illinois along with the Quincy Grand Lectures Club, visited Bluffs Lodge 846 and conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brother Kenneth Rex Evans.

During the seventy-five years of the existence of Bluffs Lodge No. 846 the following have served as Masters: F.C. Funk, S.M. Borum, Geo. W. Walker, E.D. Beird, J.F. Wilson, James F. Crawford, P.C. Burrus, Edw. W. Canatsey, James Hamilton, James B. Thompson, H.D. Killpatrick, O.A. Woodson, Geo. W. Burckholter, S.E. Arundal, Monroe Taylor, Charles H. Collins, John H. Strickler, Henry Hubbert, Chas. R. Wills, Herman Munds, Charles Bates, F.J. Muntman, Clyde H. Williams, Elmer Thorne, Earl Battefeld, C.C. Klinefelter, H.H. Arnold, Harold Bridgman, Melvin Parker, Henry Eilers, Wm. J. Chambers, Fred Korty, Gus Albers, Charles Williams, Earl Albers, Arthur Hoots, Wm. Kilver, Frank H. Chambers, Donald L. Smith, Richard W. Albers, H. Paul Miller, Burl Merriman, Roy Barrett, Henry C. Likes, Norris Merriman and Oliver Chambers.

The present officers of the Lodge for the centennial year of 1971 in Bluffs are: Norris Merriman, W.M., Max Edlen, S.W., Donald L. Smith, J.W., Oliver Chambers, Treasurer, Wm. J. Chambers, Secretary. Present membership is Seventy (70).

The following Brethern have received their fifty year pins: Merton H. Abbott, Squire E. Arundal, Floyd R. Hierman, F.J. Muntman and Wm. J. Chambers.

## Scott Lodge 702 Founded in 1882

Scott Lodge 702 records were destroyed by fire October 26, 1927 but a duplicate charter was issued the following day, October 27th and some of the early records have been reproduced by the Grand Lodge for Frank Schmidt, present Noble Grand of the Bluffs Chapter. Other 1971 officers include Dick Baulos, Vice Grand; Donald Mullen, Secretary and Fred Cockerill, Treasurer.

According to the Special Deputy report signed by Rufus Funk of Exeter, Illinois, January 31, 1882, the Warrant or Dispensation he instituted with the Books of Charges and Degrees he installed the first officers including Jas. F. Crawford, Noble Grand; David Richard, Vice Grand; H.A. Brunow, Secretary; Arthur Arundel, Per. Sev; and Daniel Fuson, Treasurer, and admitted 12 petitioners for memberships. The Lodge expected, according to Mr. Funk, to meet Thursday evening of each week.

The fiscal report of 702 for the year ending December 31, 1882 showed receipts totaling \$427.25 and a cash balance of \$146.30 after expenses. The total membership was 37 and the number of Ladies of Rebekah Degree seven.

With the election of J. E. Arundel to the post of Noble Grand, J. F. Crawford became the first Past Grand with a long list of pioneer citizens of Bluffs. The names of the third degree ranking members included J. E. Arundel, A. Arundel, A. Bloyd, J.D. Brunow, J.W. Brunow, H.A. Brunow, A.W. Baird, W.C. Carver, G.W. Chase, D.D. Fuson, I. Fuss, W.L. Griggs, W.W. Hart, C.W. Hyde, O.H. Miley, W.J. Miley, G.W. Merris, W.D. Moss, Chas. Oakes, D. Richards, J.N. Shores, F.C. Shores, E. Sapington.

A brick building replaced the IOOF Lodge room and W. J. Doyle store and the Bluffs Times occupied the ground floor prior to moving across the street into what had been built for the Halpin Restaurant.

## Dawn Rebekah Lodge Instituted in August, 1886

The Dawn Rebekah Lodge No. 169 was established August 19, 1886 four years after Scott Lodge 702 was chartered and by the first Noble Grand of 702, J. F. Crawford.

The original petitioners were S. R. Clark, W. H. Brady, J. C. Lewis, C. W. Clark, George Thorn, Sarah Clark, Isabel Brady, Fannie Lewis, Mary L. Clark and Mary A. Thorn.

First officers were J. B. Carver, Noble Grand; Mary Clark, vice Grand; Fannie Lewis Secretary and Sarah A. Clark, Treas.

The meetings held every Thursday 85 years ago have been changed to the second and fourth Wednesday every month.

The first report to the State Assembly IOOF of Illinois which was organized the previous year June 30, 1885,



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showed a membership of 14 and a treasury balance of \$7.10.

All local records were lost in the 1927 fire. Early history was obtained by Mrs. James Baird from the State Assembly office, E. St. Louis, Ill., but the charter members were not listed.

Meetings were held in the Masonic Hall until the new building was completed in 1933 by George Brown and Charles Dugan.

Naples Rebekah Lodge 824 with 12 members was consolidated with Bluffs 169 on June 22, 1938. The chairs from Naples were moved to the Bluffs Lodge.

The IOOF 702 and Rebekah 169 memberships aid in the maintenance of the Home of Elder Citizens at Mattoon and the Children's Home at Lincoln. There is also an educational fund and an eye bank.

Present Rebekah officers are: N.G., Bertha Schmidt; V.G., Mildred Little; Sec'y., Minnie Baird; Treas., Helen Bates; R.S. to N.G., Frank Schmidt; R.S. to V.G., Opal Gregory; L.S. to V.G., Rosemary Brown; Warden, Pearl Mathew; Conductor, Lena Morthole; Chaplain, Beulah Sears; I.G., Donald Mullen; O.G., J. O. Sears.

The secretaries of both Lodges have expressed advance "thank you's" to the Jones for publication of the stories so that their membership may have the gap in history in printed word.

## O. E. S. Floy Chapter Organized in 1906

On Wednesday evening, January 31, 1906, twenty-five people assembled at the Bluffs Masonic Lodge room. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. J. J. Dugan, pastor of the M.E. church, who stated that the object of the meeting was to organize an order of the Eastern Star Chapter. Mr. W. H. Graham was appointed chairman of the evening and the late Laura M. Hamilton was appointed secretary.

The following officers were nominated: Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. J. Dugan; Worthy Patron, Mr. W. H. Graham and associate Matron, Mrs. E. D. Beird. Since the first Worthy Matron's name was Floy Dugan, Floy was the name chosen for the Chapter, which was to hold its regular meetings on Friday night on or before the full moon of each month. Later this was changed to the first and third Friday of each month and now meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

May 1, 1906, Deputy Worthy Patron, Mr. Keiffer of Quincy, came and read the dispensation which was granted April 17, 1906; and which was signed by the following persons: Mrs. Floy Dugan, Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Cora M. Funk, Mrs. Mary E. Burrus, Mrs. Ella B. McMurray, Miss Laura M. Hamilton, Mrs. Myrtle M. Sawyers, Mrs. Mary Sargent, Mrs. Phoebe Graham, Mrs. Anna Arundel, Mrs. Etta M. Clark, Mrs. Louellen Beird, J. Jay Dugan, P. C. Burrus, W. H. Graham, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Mrs. Novazembla Thompson, Mr. Jas. B. Thompson and Mrs. Lena Korty.

The charter was granted by the Grand Chapter Oct. 23, 1906, and the following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. J. Dugan; Worthy Patron, Mr. W. H. Graham; Associate Matron, Mrs. E. D. Beird; Secretary, Miss Laura M. Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Jas.

Hamilton, Conductress, Mrs. Anna Arundel; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Myrtle Sawyers; Chaplain, J. J. Dugan; Marshall, Mrs. Emma Thompson; Ada, Mrs. Frank Clark; Ruth, Mrs. P. C. Burrus; Esther, Mrs. Cora Funk; Martha, Mrs. Ella McMurray; Electa, Mrs. Mary Sargent; Warden, P. C. Burrus; Sentinel, Mr. Jas. B. Thompson. This organization is still growing and at present has seventy-six members.

The present members are: Worthy Matron, Margaret Watson; Worthy Patron, Norris Merriman; Associate Matron, Mrs. Mildred Little; Associate Patron, Oliver Chambers; Secretary, Kate Cathard; Treasurer, Orville Cathard; Conductress, Mary McDannald; Associate Conductress, Martha Ridgway; Chaplain, Margaret Chambers, Marshal, Mae Chambers, Organist, Ethel Hierman; Ada, Wilma Williams; Ruth, Annis Grady; Esther, Freda Potter; Martha, Charlene Merriman; Electa, Josephine Albers; Warden, Wm. Chambers; Sentinel, Junior Martin.

At the present time there are two fifty-year members, Mrs. Ethel Hierman and Fred J. Muntman.

Past Matron and Patrons of Floy Chapter are as follows: 1906 - Mrs. J. J. Dugan (Floy), W. H. Graham; 1907 - Louellen Beird, F. C. Funk; 1908 - Cora Funk, E. D. Beird; 1909 - Emma Thompson, E. D. Canatsey; 1910 - Laura Hamilton, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1911 - Laura Hamilton, E. D. Canatsey; 1912 - Inez Canatsey, Clifford Mills; 1913 - Louellen Beird, Clifford Mills; 1914 - Sarah Carver, E. D. Canatsey; 1915 - Lena Korty, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1916 - Mary Logan, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1917 - Mary E. Burrus, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1918 - Anna Arundel, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1919 - Nina Likes, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1920 - Nina Likes, S. E. Arundel; 1921 - Irene Martin, Charles Collins; 1922 - Irene Martin, Floyd House; 1923 - Ethel House, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1924 - Ethel House, S. A. Ashby; 1925 - Lena Korty, S. A. Ashby; 1926 - Nina Likes, Chas. Collins; 1927 - Anna Lawrence, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1928 - Wilson Collins, S. E. Arundel; 1929 - Mae Lyons, H. D. Kilpatrick; 1930 - Edna Bates, E. C. Thorne; 1931 - Effie Schroeder, Earl Battefeld; 1932 - Gladys Battefeld, Chas. Bates; 1933 - Minnie Muntman, Charles Collins; 1934 - Caroline Williams, Charles Collins; 1935 - Caroline Williams, Charles Collins; 1936 - Anita Thorne, Charles Bates; 1937 - Minnie Chambers, Chas. Bates; 1938 - Etta Brockhouse, Chas. Bates; 1939 - Cynthia Newberry, Chester Newberry; 1940 - Gladys Arnold, Horace Arnold; 1941 - Cynthia Newberry, C. C. Klinefelter; 1942 - Margaret Burrus, Chester Newberry; 1943 - Mildred Eilers, James O. Chambers; 1944 - Minnie Klinefelter, Chester Newberry; 1945 - Callie Arnold, Roy Smick; 1946 - Rachel Torrance, Roy Smick; 1947 - Lenora Grigsby, Glenn Grigsby; 1948 - Freda Parker, Fred Korty; 1949 - Virginia Gray, Earl Albers; 1950 - Josephine Albers, Newton Gregory; 1951 - Margaret Watson, Arthur Hoots; 1952 - Mae Brockhouse, Stanley Shonkwiler; 1953 - Lola Lemme, Stanley Shonkwiler; 1954 - Catherine Cathard, Oliver Chambers; 1955 - Florine Gregory, Newton Gregory; 1956 - Geraldine Whorton, Norris Whorton; 1957 - Margaret Chambers, Oliver Chambers; 1958 - Mae Chambers, Wm. Chambers; 1959 - Josephine Albers, Earl Albers; 1960 - Mildred Little, Charles Williams; 1961 - Margaret Hatfield, Wm. Chambers; 1961 - Catherine Cathard, Oliver Chambers; 1963 - Margaret Chambers, Oliver Chambers; 1964 - Mae Cham-

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## Bluffs Lodges Formed in 1896

BLUFFS CAMP, NO 1996, M. W. A. This branch of the Woodmen order was organized May 26, 1893, with the following charter officers, James Hogan, V. C.; C. F. Tonn, W. A.; Wm. H. Thompson, E. B.; Geo. Thorne, Jr., clerk; J. E. Anderson, escort; H. Wolford, watchman; W. W. Wilson, sentry; C. M. Weems and D. D. Brengle, physicians; James Hogan, D. D. Brengle, H. F. Hazelrigg, managers.

BLUFFS MUTUAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE NO 216. This was another insurance order that bid fair to aid the poor man in placing about his family the protection so much needed, at a low cost, and no man, who was not overly burdened with the world's goods, should have done without it. This order was instituted at Bluffs on Dec. 27, 1899, with the following charter members: president, Samuel White; vice president, E. D. Beird; secretary, H. F. Vannier; treasurer, J. C. Lewis; Chaplain, Hallie White; usher, Chas. Thompson; inner guard, Mrs. O. G. Pulliam; outer guard, A. W. Patton; and advisor, Mrs. P. C. Burrus. Directors were Henry Hazelrigg, John Merriman and Allen Parker.

BLUFFS DISTRICT COURT OF HONOR, No. 818, was organized March 8, 1902, and was the youngest assessment order in Bluffs. Its charter officers were: Wm. Griggs, chancellor; Susie Pyle, vice chancellor; Lew Thompson, past chancellor; Victor Knoepple, recorder; Mary Carnes, treasurer; Bele R. Learned, chaplain, Nellie Fuson, conductor; Wm. Six, guard; John Gregory, sentinel; Clarence H. Learned, Henry B. Nortrup and Annie Griggs, directors.

DOSIA ENCAMPMENT was instituted at Meredosia, June 25, 1875, by A. J. Thompson, P. C. P.; of Evening Star, No. 116. It was moved from Meredosia to Bluffs and reorganized on Monday, July 21, 1890 by John A. Bush, G. P., and John C. Smith, general supt.

## W. S. C. S.

The following were organizations in each of the Methodist Churches -- The Methodist Episcopal Church, Ladies Aid, Social Club and the Pollayannas; and the Methodist Protestant had the Ladies Aid, Young Ladies Aid, Woman's Home Missionary Society and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and The Martha's.

After the uniting of the two churches the church women were organized as a Woman's Society of Christian Service. The first officers were President, Mrs. Bessie Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. C. E. Battfeldt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Floyd Hart; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. A. Woodson, and Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Watson. Living Charter Members of this organization include Mrs. Donald Merris, Mrs. John Pine, Mrs. Floyd Hart, Mrs. Clyde Arnold, Mrs. Merton Pond, Mrs. Paul Vannier, Mrs. Harold Oakes, Mrs. Carl

Arnold, Mrs. Guss Andres, Miss Orban Atkins and Mrs. Margaret Watson.

Past-Presidents who have served this group include Mrs. Paul Vannier, Mrs. Floyd Hart, Mrs. Guss Andres, Mrs. Harold Oakes, Mrs. Paul B. Smith, Mrs. Margaret Watson, and Mrs. Donald Merris.

Through the years the women have been active in all phases of the church life. There have been District Officers from the group. Of recent years the annual Bazaar has been a successful event. The apple-butter making is an important "social" part of our church life.

The young women are responsible for the success of the Vacation Bible School, UNICEF and Christmas parties to name a few of their activities.

The officers for this Centennial Year are President, Mrs. Margaret Watson; Vice-President, Mrs. M. D. Goldsborough; Secretary, Mrs. Guss Andres; Treasurer, Mrs. John Pine; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Paul Vannier; Missionary Education, Mrs. Donald Merris; Spiritual Growth, Mrs. Paul B. Smith; Local Church Responsibilities, Mrs. Harold Oakes; Membership, Mrs. Howard Buhlig and Program Materials, Mrs. Guss Andres.

## History of Bluffs Home Bureau

On November 12, 1936, the Bluffs Home Bureau held its first meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Leonard for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. Mrs. Agnes Doherty was the Morgan-Scott County Home Advisor, and assisted at the meeting. Officers elected were: Mrs. Edw. Albers, Chrm.; Mrs. Raymond Morris, vice-Chrm.; and Mrs. David Leonard, Secretary and Treas. The charter members were Mrs. Edward Albers, Mrs. Raymond Morris, Mrs. Elmer Vortman, Mrs. Paul Vannier, Mrs. James Chambers, Mrs. Lee Morris, Mrs. Margaret Berry, Mrs. Chas. Krusa, Miss Virgie Buchanan, Mrs. Harry Koch, Mrs. Carl Cox, Mrs. Benjamin Grote, Mrs. O. A. Woodson and Mrs. David Leonard.

The Home Advisor explained the educational advantages for the homemaker in this organization. Meeting dates and local leaders for lessons were selected.

This unit continued with a good number of members and attendance and in November of 1953 a new night unit for Bluffs was started. The present Bluffs Day Unit has 23 members.

Of the original or charter members, the only one still an active member of Homemaker's Extension in this area is Mrs. Paul Vannier. Mrs. Charles Krusa, deceased, has a daughter, daughter-in-law and a granddaughter-in-law active in Homemaker's units in Bluffs. Other charter members have relatives active in Bluffs units also.

In July of 1968 Scott County separated from Morgan County and organized their own Scott County Homemaker's Extension Units with a Bluffs native, Florence Metternick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilver, as Home Advisor. At this time two more units were organized at Bluffs, another night unit and a morning unit. Mrs. Metternick very ably served as Home Advisor until her retirement in January of 1970. Mrs. Wayne Bruns, Winchester, is the present Home Advisor.

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## History of Bluffs Woman's Club

On the afternoon of November 17, 1913 a group of women met at the home of Mrs. E. D. Beird for the purpose of organizing a club.

Thus was born the Bluffs Household Science Club, whose object was the "Study of Household Science" on any subject, for the betterment of the home and the community.

At this meeting Mrs. J. C. Lewis was elected president, Mrs. E. D. Canatsey, vice president, Mrs. E. D. Beird, secretary and Mrs. John Korty, treasurer.

Other charter members were Mrs. Leonard Black, Mrs. Sawyers, Mrs. Wm. Vannier, Mrs. P. C. Burrus, Mrs. George H. Vannier, Mrs. Sam Rockwood, Mrs. Corbridge, Mrs. A. J. Green, Mrs. Henry Knoepfel, Mrs. Herman Finney, Mrs. Anna Arundel, Mrs. Kinson, Mrs. Frank Ashley, Mrs. Henry Oakes, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Mrs. Hunt Sargent, Mrs. Tewksberry. Charter members still living are Mrs. S. D. Rockwood of Springfield and Mrs. E. D. Canatsey of Jacksonville.

The motto selected for the newly formed club was "Labor Conquers Everything." In later years this was changed to "Not for Ourselves Alone."

A certificate of membership in the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs was issued to the club in March, 1934. During the year of 1953-54 the name was changed to the Bluffs Woman's Club.

Some of the various projects sponsored by the club over the 58 years are: the foot bridge over Wolf-run Creek, Hot lunches at the school, playground equipment for the school yard, street signs, trash cans for the town, club signs, drapes for the Civic Club rooms and medical building, large globe, dictionary and books for the library, music camp scholarships for students from the High School. Sponsorship of the Girl Scouts, donations for Little League, Christmas parties for Veterans at State Hospital and forgotten people there.

This is only a very small part of the work done by the Club over the years for the community, and in addition to support of the State and General Federation projects and program. An interesting program on current topics and on interesting subjects is planned for each afternoon's program during the year.

Past presidents of the Bluffs Woman's Club are as follows: Mrs. J. C. Lewis (deceased) 1913-14; Mrs. Henry Oakes (deceased) 1914-15; Mrs. H. C. Finney (deceased) 1915-16; Mrs. J. C. Lewis (deceased) 1916-17; Mrs. Henry Oakes (deceased) 1917-18; Mrs. Sarah Carver (deceased) 1918-19; Mrs. George H. Vannier (deceased) 1919-20; Mrs. O. A. Woodson (deceased) 1920-21; Mrs. Geo. H. Vannier (deceased) 1921-22; Mrs. Albert Knoepfel, 1922-23; Mrs. John Korty (deceased) 1923-24; Mrs. Wm. Hildebrand, 1924-25; Mrs. Rosa Finningsmier (deceased) 1925-26; Mrs. George H. Vannier (deceased) 1926-1927; Mrs. Ella Merris (deceased) 1927-28; Mrs. Clara Bird (deceased) 1928-29; Mrs. Maurice O'Brien, 1929-30; Mrs. Tom Muntman 1930-31; Mrs. Emma Thompson (deceased) 1931-32; Mrs. P. C. Burrus (deceased) 1932-33; Mrs. P. H. Vannier 1933-34; Mrs. Benjamin Grote 1934-35; Mrs. P. H. Vannier 1935-36; Mrs. Charles Krusa (deceased) 1936-37; Mrs. Lee Korty 1937-38; Mrs. T. B.

Meehan 1938-39; Mrs. R. L. McConnell 1939-40; Mrs. M. C. Parker 1940-41; Mrs. Floyd Hart 1941-42; Mrs. Edward Albers 1942-43; Mrs. J. A. Knoepfel 1943-44; Mrs. James Baird 1944-45; Mrs. Gus Andres 1945-46; Mrs. P. H. Vannier 1946-47; Mrs. Wm. Kilver 1947-48; Mrs. Edward Albers 1948-49; Mrs. John Pine 1949-51; Mrs. James Baird 1951-53; Mrs. Harvey Vortman 1953-54; Mrs. Wendell Brackett 1954-56; Mrs. Oliver Chambers 1956-57; Mrs. Paul B. Smith 1957-59; Mrs. Floyd Hart 1959-61; Mrs. Donald Mullen 1961-63; Mrs. Wm. Chambers 1963-65; Mrs. I. D. Mueller 1965-66; Mrs. Oliver Chamber 1966-67; Mrs. Lillian Meier 1967-68; Mrs. Joe Evans 1968-70; Mrs. Donald Merris 1970-71.

## Girl Scout Troops of Bluffs

"On my honor, I will try;  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people at all times,  
To obey the Girl Scout Laws."

Approximately 150 girls between the ages of nine and fourteen living in the Bluffs area have said, and tried to live, this promise as a member of a Bluffs Girl Scout Troop.

The first charter was granted to the Bluffs community in the fall of 1951 for a troop of Intermediate Girl Scouts. Troop 66 was sponsored by the local Junior Woman's Club with Jerri Whorton (Mrs. Norris) acting as co-ordinator. Two women, Marge Freeman (Mrs. J. W.), and Alice Freesen (Mrs. Robert), welcomed seven girls into girl scouting; Connie Albers, Janet Fredrick, Nancy Jo Mains, Shirley Marsh, Sandy Oakes, Sheila Smothers, and Posie Tuescher. Troop 66 continued under the leadership of Marge Freeman and assistants Alice Freesen and Rachel Likes (Mrs. Arthur) from 1951 through the spring of 1955. During this period Sue Bridgman, Judy Brockhouse, Sharon Dunham, Carolyn Likes, Karen Morthole, Judy Orchard, Norma Six and Kaye Strubbe joined the activities of the troop.

In the fall of 1955 Mary Sears (Mrs. Carroll) became the troop leader with Bonnie Mains and Janet Hullinger joining Troop 66. During Girl Scout Week of 1956, all the Girl Scouts of Scott County were invited to visit the Executive Mansion in Springfield. William G. Stratton was governor at this time. This was one time the girls were happy to be living in the smallest county in the state.

A period of two years lapsed in Bluffs without a Girl Scout troop. Then on April 16, 1958, a charter was again granted for a troop of Intermediate Girl Scouts. Troop 85 was sponsored by the local PTA organization. Four women: Betty Alexander (Mrs. William); Fran Pond (Mrs. M. Leroy) welcomed thirty girls into girl scouting. A troop committee responsible for transportation, chaperoning, and refreshments consisted of Mrs. Hubert Gregory, Mrs. Virgil Coughlin, Mrs. Clyde Hullinger, and Mrs. Glenn Brockhouse. Because of the large number of girls in the troop, two patrols were formed, the Evergreen Patrol and the Rainbow Patrol.

Mary Ann Morris (Mrs. Harold) joined the troop as a new leader 1960, along with Mrs. Harvey (Mable) Vortman as a new troop committee member with 19 girls returning.

The growing demand of girls wanting to become Girl Scouts brought the formation of Troop 22 for Intermediate



Girl Scouts in November 1960. Mildred Allen and Mae Brockhouse (Mrs. Glenn) were the troop leaders with Mrs. Paul Vannier, Mrs. Harvey Vortman and Mrs. Tom Brackett as members of the troop committee.

Troops 85 and 22 consolidated and registered with the Illinois Prairie Girl Scout Council as Troop 85 in the fall of 1961, with Marge Freeman and Fran Pond as leaders. Mrs. Norris Whorton and Mrs. Harvey Vortman took on the duties of the troop committee.

Bluffs Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 85 was privileged to be a part of the "Girl Scout Birthday Years" from 1960 through 1963. The slogan of this celebration was "Honor the Past - Serve the Future". The girls started the celebration on November 3, 1960, by presenting a skit called "A Scout's Own" to their sponsor, the PTA, in honor of Founders Day and the 100th birthday of J. Low. On April 19, 1961, Troop 85 celebrated its birthday with a tea served by the leaders. "Troop members" . . . started hiking from Brackett's farm southwest of Exeter and hiked out to a cabin which was built in 1827, by a Haskell family. In March 1962, the girls planted marigold seeds in individual pots and each girl cared for the plant at home until April. In April the girls transplanted the small plants and additional seeds in front of the newly constructed medical building in Bluffs. On March 12, 1962, the 50th birthday of Girl Scouts of America was celebrated with a pizza party at the Civic Club.

1964 saw a great change in Girl Scouting nationally. Up until this time Girl Scouts were divided into three levels: Brownies, ages 8 and 9; Intermediates, ages 10, 11, 12 and 13; and Seniors, ages 14, 15, 16 and 17. As of 1964 the levels of Girl Scouting became Brownies, ages 7 and 8; Juniors, ages 9, 10, 11; Cadettes, ages 12, 13, 14; and Seniors, ages 15, 16, and 17.

Bluffs Troop 85 was reorganized with the advent of the change from Intermediate to Junior Scouts. The troop number was changed to 90 and Mary Sears (Mrs. Carroll) took over its leadership with Mrs. LeRoy Fresen, Mrs. Thomas Dickens, and Mrs. Earl Lovekamp as Troop committee members.

For a second time since the first troop was formed, Bluffs was without a Girl Scout troop in the 1966-67 school year. However, in September, 1967, it was started up again under the same Troop number, 90, with Mary Ann Bailey (Mrs. James), Linda Mueller (Mrs. Lari), and Jean Burns (Mrs. Carl) as leaders.

Mary Dunahm took over the leadership of Troop 90 in 1970 with Faye Kilver, Betty Hoots (Mrs. Gerald) and Jean Burns for assistants and Mrs. Robert Smith on the troop committee.

1970 also saw an additional level of scouting started in the Bluffs Community. Mildred Allen took on the leadership of a Cadette Troop, assigned troop number 35. Their main interest was in Emergency Preparedness. Troop 35 sponsored a first aid course for anyone in the Bluffs community interested in attending as a part of their Challenge work.

The first Brownie Scout Troop was established in Bluffs in the fall of 1958 under the leadership of June Brackett and Bernita Likes (Mrs. Danny).

In the fall of 1961 the Brownies received a new troop number, 54, and three new leaders: Mary Sears (Mrs. Carroll) with Norma Prunty (Mrs. Keith) as assistant, Mrs. Marvin Hiernan, and Mrs. Dean Merriman. The troop com-

mittee consisted of Mesdames Gerald Schmitz, Verlin Rolf and John Pollock.

Mary Sears returned to troop 54 in 1962 with Mrs. Allen Coultas and Mrs. Bernard Beeley as assistant leaders.

1963 saw a change in leadership for Troop 54. Freda Beeley (Mrs. Bernard) and her assistant Melba June Welch (Mrs. Paul) welcomed nine new Brownies.

Leadership of Brownie Troop 54 again changed in 1964 with Shirley Cox (Mrs. Kenneth) taking on the duties with Mrs. Welch as assistant and Louise Collison as troop committee chairman.

Brownie Troop 54 welcomed Mildred Allen (Mrs. John) as their leader in the fall of 1966, with Betty Gregory staying on as assistant. Mrs. Allen has been with scouts since that time.

Marilyn Norton (Mrs. John) joined the troop as an assistant leader in 1969 along with 17 new Brownies. In the spring of 1970, the mothers and leaders of Brownie Troop 54 joined with those of Junior Troop 90 and planned and held a benefit smorgasbord at the Bluffs School Cafeteria. The proceeds from this undertaking were used to pay the entire fee for 27 Brownies and 26 Juniors to attend Camp Shagbark during the summer.

Brownie Troop 54 welcomed Jan Krusa (Mrs. Carl) as an assistant leader with Mildred Allen retaining the leadership and Pat Mueller staying on as assistant. Again the mothers and leaders of Junior Troop 90 joined with Troop 54 to hold the annual benefit smorgasbord in the Bluffs School Cafeteria with the proceeds again being used to send 26 Brownies and 30 Junior Scouts to camp during the summer of 1971.

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## Bluffs Legion Post Named for Charles Wolford



First officers of the Bluffs Legion Post #441 named for Charles Wolford were Roy H. Beird, Commander; Clarence Nortrup, Vice Comm.; Carl Ritter, Chaplain; J.A. Knoepfel, Treasurer and Frank Krusa, Sgt. At Arms. Beird, son of former Times publisher, E.D. Beird, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing in France and the Croix de Guerre from the French government. The citation was for bravery, volunteering with two others to rout a German machine gun nest while under fire and capturing 25 prisoners. Mr. Beird was a ranking officer with the U.S. Marines and served in the South Pacific in War II. Mr. and Mrs. Beird, both retired from Bell Telephone Company, live on the Bluffs-Naples road.



This picture of Charles Wolford and his son Charles James, age five, was taken when home on leave during World War I. He became a member of the Geo. H. Vannier family when his parents died. He was killed in France Nov. 12, 1919, the day after the Armistice was signed and the Bluffs American Legion Post #441 has his name. Mr. Vannier was court appointed guardian of son James, who lives in California with his family.

Officers for the Charles Wolford Post #441 for the Centennial year of 1971 are: Commander-C.O. Mueller, Vice-Commander-Ronald Engelbrecht, Jr. Vice-Com-



mander-Allan Vortman, Adjutant-Glen Leamons, Treasurer-Ronald Gilman, Sergeant-at-arms-Robert Lovekamp, Chaplain-Bill Chambers.

The Auxiliary Officers for 1971 are: President-Mrs. C.O. (Aliene) Mueller, 1st Vice President-Mrs. Vera Meier, Second-Vice President-Mrs. J. A. (Lois) Knoepfel, Secretary-Mrs. Neil (Connie) Mueller, Treasurer-Mrs. Margaret Watson, Historian-Mrs. Mary Damin, Chaplain-Mrs. Russell (Berniece) Albers, Sergeant-at-arms-Mrs. Delbert (Betty) Reed.



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friends and neighbors of the full line list if one wanted to listen in on all tingles. If too many receivers were raised when you called a party you might have to yell: "Will half of you people please hang up! My dry cell batteries are not strong enough to get Mary. She's probably out on the porch."



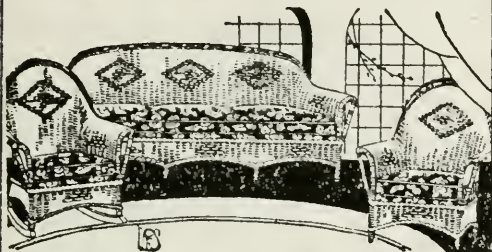
There's been a lot of picture post cards displayed in former issues but none have revealed other than "THE THIEF" showing of a picture. The Wagner Opera House with side door, but no fire exit, was the scene of the first moving picture of a world series or prize fight sponsored by Dick Nortrup, son of the man featured at the front of W. J. Doyle Grocery Store in this magazine. Dick, Junior might have sponsored what was termed the Nickelodion of that era. The movie moved to "The Loop" when the late Senator Meehan built a movie house at the dead end of main street, now a supply room for the Farmer's Grain Elevator. The floor, built to raise or lower was jacked up and down through the movie exit and D & M Tavern approach in the passing bootleg era with Sheets, Monta, Dunham, Meehan and Moore open doors. The Wagner opened the Opera House with the Biggers and Quintal sell out of department store and the youths of towns were all charged up by the Wagner daughter, the high school charm, according to young Wolford, Castle and Nortrup. The building to the left was once a bakery, now a barber shop, and the one on the corner was a meat market operated for years by George J. Vannier, father of Herman Vannier, and later by Henry Rolf and Andy Meyers of the Oxville community.

The buildings to the right contained at one time or another the telephone office and the Hildebrand Restaurant and the H. J. Vannier Restaurant. The site eventually became the VanGundy block building for Andre & Andre Furniture Store with an upstairs room for the two telephone companies combined by George VanGundy, father of Ray, into one switchboard with 24 hour service. Prior to that switchboard service ended at 10 p.m. The plugs were pulled and all gossip stopped, except on the party lines which had as many as 25 patrons with different bell combinations. Example: two longs and a short; 1 long, 2 shorts; and as many as four shorts plus and plus. Each customer had a cardboard with names in alphabetical sequence and opposite that: \_\_\_\_\_ etc. the length of the ting-a-lings. The cardboard was owner designed and would contain the special calls of



Telephone Office of 60 years ago - an upstairs room. Etta Middendorf Brockhouse at the switchboard. Marie Middendorf Westermeyer standing. There is a story of Marie's bravery in staying at the switchboard during a fire.

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## Mauvaisterre Drainage District Had Many Years of Floods as told by Charles Krusa

Landowners between Bluffs and Naples and north of the Mauvaisterre were losing crops when creeks flooded their land and organized what is now known as Mauvaisterre Drainage District composed of approximately 2000 acres in 1902.

Those interested were Cyrus Faulkner, J. O. Chambers, Wm. Albers, H. C. Krusa, M. B. Moore, Carrie Albers, John M. Ritter, Wallace and John Fred Albers. The last three were named commissioners by the court and James Warren, Winchester's leading attorney, was their legal representative.

The District first started at the south end of the Carrie Albers farm now owned by Helen Marsh and farmed by Norman Engelbrecht and followed the Mauvaisterre west and took in land north to the Wabash railroad, east out of Naples. The R. R. was the north boundary and the east boundary was the west edge of Margaret Unger farm now owned by Orban Atkins and farmed by Floyd Hart.

The purpose was to build a large levee to replace the small ones built by local land owners and to give year round protection from the Mauvaisterre. The project was to drain Bug Island Lake and adjacent land which at that time had only a small outlet with a flood gate on the Fred Albers land now farmed by Russell Albers. The gate could be raised and lowered to let flood water out, but the ditch wasn't deep enough.

Work was completed within a few years with the new outlet between the Faulkner and Chambers and through land now owned by Mrs. Leo Smith. The ditch went under the railroad about the present pumping plant to protect the District when the Illinois River was at flood stage.

The Illinois hit a high in 1908 with none other higher except in 1844. Water came into the District again in 1913. Lands were flooded again in 1916. The water was back again with a new high in 1922, flooding not only the low land but the Town of Naples. The Wabash tracks were covered and land as far north as the Morgan County line east of Smith Lake.

Frank Faulkner, H. C. Krusa and J. O. Chambers were commissioners at the time. The only remedy was to extend the District north to Dresser Ditch and east for the protection of acres flooded by 1922 water. The petition was circulated and sufficient signatures were secured to get approval.

Mathew Bros. of Chicago started levee protection against the River. It started near Chambers north from where Oliver Chambers lives and to the Wabash R. R. where a pumping plant was installed. Incidentally that same two cylinder Fairbanks-Morse Diesel is still running and pumped more surface and seepwater the past year than in any prior year. The levee was built north to Naples where money was provided by the State Legislature to defray part of the town's share of the protective work. The levee continued to the Abbott house and along the edge of Smith Lake east to Chas. Krusa place, north to Dresser Ditch, and east to the brick home of the late Bradshaw Mayes.

**NAPLES FLOODED AGAIN.** It was in August when work started on the big main ditch. The next month, Sept. 8th, a flash flood broke a dam at Jacksonville and the water poured into Mauvaisterre Creek and broke into both Mauvaisterre and Scott County Drainage near the covered bridge at Oxville.

Both District and Naples were flooded again and a large hole was washed out of the Marsh farm.

After the water receded the commissioners were granted permission by the court to use part of the \$83,000 drainage assessment to repair the damage. A second assessment of \$18,000 was necessary however, to complete the ditch work and the drainage system functioned satisfactorily in the 1933 and the 1935 high water.

**GOVERNMENT HELP.** More and higher protective levees were being built all along the Illinois River and in the early 30's the Federal Gov't. began to help build levees. The commissioners then, Gus Albers and Charles Krusa, and J. O. Chambers, applied for aid and the levee building project began; but all the right of way had to be furnished. The problem at Naples was how to raise the \$4,000 needed for the work in town. The treasury was broke, Front Street was all but burned out and assessed valuation was too low for that bonding value.

The District had an additional assessment of \$45,000 for needed right of way. It was either go east of Naples with a new levee or buy the property fronting on Water street. The commissioners got permission to use enough District money to provide roughly \$2,000 for the town in turn for abandonment of Front St. and all crossings except the present one over the levee to the property formerly owned by Continental Grain Co. Dirt was borrowed, some had to be moved twice, from the small strip between Water St. and the river (reserved by the proprietors when Naples was plotted in August 1825) and from Water St. to fill any basements and to make the present levee which had its east rim at the west edge of the alley. Some owners sold their buildings, some houses were moved but Naples can be proud of a levee which is some three feet higher than outside the town limits, for just-in-case.

The main ditch and laterals have been cleaned at different times, first by Federal WPA and CCC Boys and other times by Leo Smith's drag line. The original annual maintenance cost of \$3,000 is far from today's figure but during dry years and during the depression there was no assessment for that purpose.

**THE DRY FLOOD.** In 1943 the water hit 30.1 feet, the highest ever, and flooded the District going around the end of the levee near Burrus school lane and through Naples Cemetery where there wasn't any levee. It was an early and dry crop year with most of the corn and beans planted. It was called a "Dry Flood" because river folks in this area didn't know the source of the water. Next year, 1944, was a year too wet for all the crops until late June and the river stage at Naples was only 27 ft., the wettest year ever locally until 1970.

Since 1943 and '44 the river level has been more normal except 1970. Then it remained out of its banks for a long period, seep water kept drainage pumps running night and day for several months. Some farmers lost a part of their crop land, but checking a balance sheet against the years from the first commissioners in 1902 to the present Oliver Chambers, Wendell Brackett, and Earl Albers, the extra, special and regular assessments have been worth the hundreds of thousands of bushels of crop produced.



## Bluffs Times '83' Years Old; Preceded by 'Recorder' and 'Advertiser'

To the late Dr. Carver and James Linkins belong the honors for starting the first paper, The Bluffs Recorder, here in 1878, seven years after Bluffs was incorporated.

That paper was of short life and in 1883, H. H. Meier and W. H. D. Meier established the second paper, the Bluffs Advertiser. The partnership was discontinued when W. H. D. Meier wanted to continue his education and the paper was sold to F. H. Shores.

The building housing the Shores printing equipment was destroyed by fire in August, 1890, and Bluffs was without a paper until the present newspaper was started 82 years ago.

The Bluffs Weekly Times was established November 9, 1889, by P. R. Nelson, who had purchased the Winchester Times October 15, 1887.

The Times was conducted by Mr. Nelson for about 7 and one-half years, being printed as an edition of The Winchester Times. For several years, the Bluffs department was under the management of E. D. Beird. A small job plant was maintained here, and Mr. Beird spent a few days here each week, gathering the local news and doing the commercial printing that came to the office. He made his trips between Bluffs and Winchester on a bicycle, which was in that day the speediest mode of travel in common use.

In May 1897, Mr. Beird became the sole owner and publisher of The Times and from that date to the present, it has been published as an exclusive Bluffs paper. The new owner purchased a new outfit of type and material, and his first issue was dated May 14, 1897, being well fitted with spicy local news and advertisements. From the start, it proved a success, so much so that the size of the paper was enlarged to a five column quarto and a cylinder press installed. Some years later it was enlarged to a six-column quarto, which required the installation of a still larger press.

### NEW PUBLISHERS

September 12, 1921, Beird sold the newspaper to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed of Pittsfield.

It was under the Reed management that the Bluffs Weekly Times became an "eight-page-all-local print" paper, a decided improvement over the four pages "patented inside."

The paper was edited by Reed until his death April 20, 1930. At that time his widow Mrs. E. L. Reed took up the editorial pen and continued as publisher until September 12, 1931, when it was taken over by H. C. Merriman of Virden and Paul H. Vannier.

That partnership continued until the following spring when Merriman returned to the automobile business and moved to Taylorville where he became Sales Manager for the Gilbert-Large Automobile agency. Mr. Vannier then became the sole owner.

The Times moved into its own building which was purchased from the Bank of Bluffs November 1, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Vannier operated The Times until October 1, 1962, at which time they sold the paper to

Ronald H. Dragoset of Woodbridge, N. J.

On March 1, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Dragoset sold out to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones.

In November 1962, the paper was switched from hot metal to offset and new equipment was purchased.

In May Mr. and Mrs. Jones purchased the Ray Bettis building, built in 1963 on the site of the old Jim Dugan barber shop just south of the railroad tracks and moved The Times office into it June 1, 1964 and continue their business there.

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## James Hamilton Recalled Year Without a Summer

James Hamilton, when he was one of the oldest residents in the Bluffs vicinity, now deceased, said he well remembered the year 1846, which went down in history as the year without a summer. Mr. Hamilton did not believe the Springs of his times so bad when compared with that year of long ago. He furnished the Bluffs Times the following clipping from the "Blue Mound Leader," which had been printed over 40 years before and told of the cold spring of 1846 as follows:

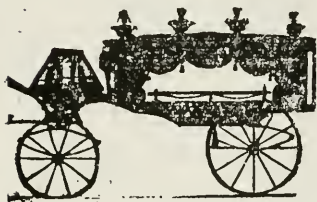
"The year of 1846 was without a summer. The weather was so cold that ice was frozen every day in June and every month experienced frost and freezing weather. June 17 was the memorable date, as a big snow fell, to the depth of 10 inches and many people were frozen to death. The mean temperature of the summer months was 45 degrees, and the crops were failures, the weather being too cold for vegetation of any kind. July and August were colder than June, and ice an inch thick or more. On August 30, another heavy snow fell and the entire summer was as bleak and dreary as November. There was very little rain the entire season; farm work was done with heavy wraps and mittens on, and it was necessary to consume a lot of fuel for heating purposes. In September the thermometer reached 70 degrees and for a time the cold was dispelled, but for a few days only, when real winter set in again. The wind blew a gale from the north most of the time and it was fierce and cold.

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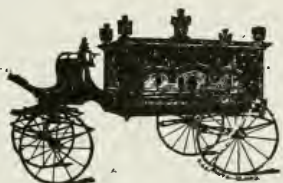
One of the first corn planters was used by Bille Peak and sold at his sale. Year and make of the one above is unknown. It took two persons to operate it, one to drive, the other to pull the lever to check the kernels in the hills. The wheels were four feet apart for the corn row.

## Undertaking, Embalming By McCaleb & Linkins



The first issues of The Bluffs Times advertised the stock of McCaleb and Linkins—from the cheapest hospital coffins to the finest metallic caskets. They had an elegant hearse equipage and a full line of burial robes and shrouds. "They were both affable and courteous gentlemen and as funeral instructors they had no superior in the county."

Funeral rigs changed but little during the horse and buggy era except that they became lighter in weight and more decorative.



H. D. Kilpatrick, undertaker in Bluffs for years, had his office in the McCaleb block for years. Following its destruction by fire he re-opened in the J. C. Lewis building.

S. J. Sawyers, always supplied black horses for the rig and kept the horses out of the hot summer sun so their coats would not tan or sunburn.

Mud roads often made it necessary to use four horses and often times a wagon or sled played its part in the funeral procession. The motorized hearse made its appearance here in the early 1920's.

Following H. D. Kilpatrick's death, Bluffs was without an undertaker until Lyle Bates entered the profession in 1934.

Following Mr. Bates death, Mrs. Helen Bates has taken over management of the Funeral Home. The funeral home is an up-to-date funeral home and keeps improving service.



The above engraving was used on the letterheads for early undertakers in Bluffs. The church spire in the background and the draperies around the "one way hack" added a saintly air.

## The Big Fire At Bluffs

On August 7, 1914 a disastrous fire struck Bluffs, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire town. Only a hard fought battle by the citizens, aided by the fire department of Jacksonville, succeeded in subduing the flames and stopped the progress of the fire.

The fire, which started in the McCaleb block, was supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove in the rooms above the Curtis Drug Store which was occupied by the Matthews family. Early in the progress of the fire the town authorities realized the seriousness of the situation and sent a Wabash special to Jacksonville for the fire department, who responded promptly. Meredosia citizens, upon receiving word of the terrible fire, also responded quickly, driving to the scene in a line of automobiles.

The buildings destroyed included the block owned by Clarence McCaleb, in which was located three stores, the drug store of F. C. Curtis, the Ranft Hardware and Harvest store with the Illinois Telephone office, H. D. Kilpatrick undertaking parlors and rooms occupied by the three or four families on the second floor.

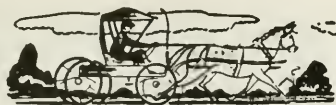
Across the street from the McCaleb block the large general store of Tewksbury & Black which occupied the opera house building was a total loss. In the second story of the building the moving picture show suffered a total loss of its property. The restaurant of Ina Summers was a total loss, and the Farmer's Telephone Exchange and the building of Geo. VanGundy suffered a loss of \$1,200 or \$1,500.

The S. Halpin building, a frame structure in which one store room was empty and the other occupied by Black's meat market was destroyed. George J. Vannier lost his residence and barn, value probably \$3,000. Two barns owned by J. C. Lewis and one barn belonging to Henry Brockhouse were also burned. The bakery of H. Corbridge suffered damage.

The fire was brought under control by the use of a Babcock fire extinguisher containing forty gallons of chemical. A temporary telephone exchange was established in the Bluffs Times office, E. D. Beird placing the facilities at the disposal of the companies.



A Bridge near Bluffs - February 4, 1922



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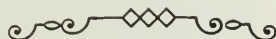
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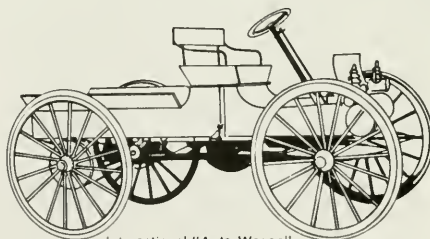
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## W. J. Doyle Store



The W. J. Doyle's Store under the IOOF Lodge Hall was the gathering spot for farmer families and the place to cut a hunk of long horn cheese, get a couple crackers from the barrel and a place to spit tobacco juice into the sand box under the pot bellied stove. It was a place of honest count. "Billy" Doyle had a mixed clientele. He had the carriage trade because of honest weight and a trust-worthy counting system. He also had a round-the-stove-back-door credit for the family head out of work and no future prospects. These creditors and farmers brought in garden produce, eggs, and rabbits along with head cheese, blood sausage, spare ribs, backbone, beef organs of liver, hearts, and even hide for trading. It wasn't uncommon for 10-30 rabbits frozen to a zero-blue by nature to hang out front and sell for 10¢ each - less when the thermometer started snow to melt and the color of the fresh meat unfringed. The fellow with the five-button sweater is Dick Nortrup, brother of Louis Nortrup and father-in-law of Ruth Kilpatrick Nortrup. He worked for the Wabash Railroad and after retirement for the Sears Lumber Co.

W. J. Doyle opened his second store on what is now a restaurant on Rte. 100 south of the residence of Mrs. Minnie Baird Monte. (Her residence is the former site of the A. W. Baird store, where a grocery store supplied farmer needs and salt, shipped to Naples and hauled to Bluffs and was sold by the barrel. It, the salt, was for meat, kraut, pickle and farm cow-lick.

Across the street was the Arundel Livery Barn. Single or double team rigs or carriages with fringe on top for schedule to drummers or groups of young coming to Bluffs on passenger train No. 6 or 7 (East or West) and wanting to dance at Exeter's floating dance floor or picnic in the Chance or Oakes woods.

The Doyle Grocery took a 10-20 or even more thousand dollar credit loss heading into the depression. The store was purchased by Miss Nora Baird, daughter of the A. W. and she too took too much paper from friends too accommodating. After thousands of dollars loss the venture ended.

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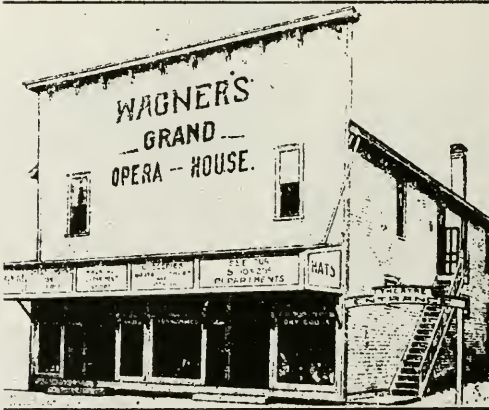
## Dan Charles' Barber Shop



The picture of the Dan Charles barber shop. Dan Charles was a negro barber, third from the left. The citizens in the picture are: in the buggy, unknown; left, to right- Elmer Anderson, Mahlon Chapman, Dan Charles, next two unknown, another barber, Wm. Busch, and Stonewall Sawyers. This building was located at the scene of the old post office.

It is said that this was the only Negro family that ever lived in Bluffs. Their home was where Mrs. Margaret Hatfield lived, and the family was held in high esteem. Mr. Charles' funeral was said to have been one of the largest ever held in Bluffs. They had a son, Danny, who later moved to Jacksonville, Illinois.

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Wagner Opera House, which was destroyed by fire in 1914.

# First Happenings in Scott County

**FIRST CIRCUIT COURT** -- The first term of circuit court in Scott county convened on May 27, 1839. Hon. William Thomas, of Jacksonville, was judge. Robert H. McDow was sheriff, and Levi Harlan, circuit clerk. The record recites that, "The court opened after the usual proclamation was made."

**THE FIRST INDICTMENT** returned into this court was against James Combs for gaming.

**FIRST CASE** -- The first common-law suit was the case of Jacob Pennager against Martin Eickelburner and John Morrison, in which the plaintiff recovered a judgment for two hundred and twenty-three dollars and costs of suit.

**FIRST JURY TRIAL** -- The first jury trial occurred May 27, 1839, in the case of Daniel Roberts and Wm. H. Wilson against Joseph Gates. This first jury was composed of James Clanton, William Summers, John Fry, Bennett Gray, Sylvester Moss, Micajah Cox, James M. Wilson, Robert Morrison, Bird Peek, William Clark, George Gray, and Theron Brownson. They rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents on which judgment was entered.

**FIRST NATURALIZATION** -- Benjamin Pierson, a British subject, was the first man to declare his intentions in Scott county circuit court to become a citizen of the United States. This he did on May 28, 1839. His declaration of record is as follows:

"State of Illinois ) SS  
Scott County )

I, Benjamin Pierson, do hereby declare that it is my intention, in good faith, to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly do I renounce all allegiance and fidelity to the King of Great Britain, my native country, which declaration I hereunto subscribe with my hand, and confirm with my oath, this the 28th day of May, A.D. 1839.

Benjamin Pierson"

**THE FIRST CHANCERY SUIT** on the chancery docket of this county was the case of John Carter against Levi Harlan and Edward G. Miner. The judge of the court having been employed or consulted, by one of the parties before he was elected judge, the venue was changed and the case was sent to Sangamon County.

**THE FIRST DIVORCE CASE** on the Scott County docket was James Ray against Elizabeth Ray. The case was dismissed by the complainant.

**THE FIRST DIVORCE ACTUALLY GRANTED** was in the case of Sally Ann Hopper against Solomon C. Hopper.

**THE FIRST PARTITION SUIT** was between the heirs of John Moore.

**FIRST CRIMINAL TRIAL** -- The first criminal case tried in the county was the People against S. R. Powell, on a charge of gaming. The jury was composed of John McLaughlin, Samuel Peek, Hiram Walker, Larkin Sullens, Joseph Leighton, George Camp, John Moore, James Sawyers, Thomas Bell, John Leggett, John Joslyn and Major Herron. This jury found the defendant not guilty.

**FIRST INDICTMENT FOR MURDER** -- The first indictment for murder was returned into court by the grand

jury May 11, 1841, against George Gardner, Thomas Crew and Jonathan Crew, for the unlawful killing of Philip W. Nash in Exeter. This was a noted event in that village, and venue was changed and the case was sent to Morgan County for trial. John S. Greathouse was prosecuting attorney and John P. Jordan conducted the defense. Stephen A. Douglas presided as judge. The defendant, George Gardner, was found guilty and sentenced to be hung on July 23, 1841. He escaped from jail a few days before the time for his execution arrived, and has never been heard of again.

**FIRST DEED** -- The first deed recorded in the county was made by John Mikel and Sally Mikel, his wife, to William Jones. It was dated March 19, 1839, and acknowledged before Samuel Peek, justice of the peace March 21, 1839. It conveyed the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section fifteen, in township thirteen, range twelve, which was owned by John Hepworth in 1903.

**FIRST MORTGAGE** -- The first mortgage recorded in this county was made by Perkin Thompson to Edward Ray upon the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section eight, township thirteen, range eleven, to secure the payment of fifty dollars. It was dated April 5, 1839, and was acknowledged on the same day before Joel Sugg, justice of the peace. Satisfaction of this mortgage was entered on the record by the mortgagee January 12, 1843. This forty acres was owned by Mrs. John L. Robinson in 1903.

**FIRST MARRIAGE** -- The first marriage in the county was Josiah Canady to Julia Scott on March 28, 1839; Wm. H. Strong officiated.

**FIRST ESTATE REPORT** -- The first financial report made in an estate was made by Nimrod Funk in the estate of Robert Gray, Sept. 4, 1841.

**FIRST RAILROAD** -- The first railroad in the county was a wooden-track affair built by Charles Collins from Naples east across, or partly across, the bottom in 1836 and 1837. The first iron-track railroad in the county was the old Northern Cross road from Jacksonville to Meredosia upon the roadbed now occupied by the Wabash. It was built in 1837-1839.

**FIRST TOWN** -- Exeter was the first town laid out within the present limits of the county. It was laid out by Enoch C. March, June 18, 1825.

**FIRST CITY** -- Winchester is the first (and only) city in the county. It organized as a city under the general law of the state November 18, 1876.

**THE FIRST LAND** -- The first land entered in this county was the east half of the S.E. 1/4, Sec. 8, T. 13, R. 12, entered by Joel Meacham, August 15, 1822.

**FIRST HANGING** -- The first judicial execution in the county was the hanging of Benjamin Smith upon a gallows erected by the side of the road leading northeast from Winchester near the present residence of the late William Obermeyer, October, 1852.

**FIRST SCHOOL** -- Judge Henderson, who more than one hundred years ago, began and industriously pursued the collection of facts relative to the early history of this region, says the first school taught within the limits of this county was taught by Miss Jeanette Wheeler in a log cabin a little southeast of where Exeter now stands.

He did not state, and probably did not know, the date.

**THE FIRST GRAVE** -- Mrs. Spencer, who died in childbirth, and her new born babe, were buried on the ridge in the south part of Winchester, where "the old graveyard" is located in 1821. This is the first known white burial within the limits of the county.

**FIRST HOUSE** -- The first white man's habitation erected within the limits of the county was a log cabin built in January and February 1820, in the Gordon neighborhood southeast of Winchester by Thomas Allen, called "Tommy Allen," by early settlers.

**FIRST COURT HOUSE** -- The first court house was built on the public square in Winchester and was paid for by the city of Winchester.

**FIRST JAIL** -- The first county jail was built of hewed logs upon the site of the present jail. It was also paid for by the city of Winchester.

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## Cyrus G. Carter

(Father of C. C. Carter)

Born Brains town, Pennsylvania August 12, 1824, died Exeter, Ill., April 10, 1911. Early settler, inventor of the Runner Grain Drill.

C. C. Carter, former States Attorney of Scott County and prominent mathematician, died late Monday night April 10, 1911 at Passavant hospital in Jacksonville of injuries received that afternoon when a team of horses he was working with ran away. Mr. Carter was plowing the garden when the accident occurred and he was driving the same team that injured him several years before when they ran away while he was hauling bales.

He graduated from Illinois College and studied law at the University of Michigan. He practiced law and was recognized for his scientific work and his study of higher mathematics being a member of the National Association and having attended many conventions here and in Canada.

He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Briggs Carter, one brother Jess Carter and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bates Funeral Home May 8th, 1911 with Rev. Kenneth Douglas officiating. Burial was in Exeter Cemetery.

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## Hynam L. Tippit

Maker of a liniment called 'Sure Shot'

Hynam L. Tippit, son of William and Elizabeth Tippit was born in Morgan County near Chapin, Ill., Aug. 6, 1849. At 10:30 Friday a.m. August 4th he was struck by an automobile at Decatur which resulted in his death at 5:57 p.m. of the same day. Mr. Tippit was 72 years, 11 months 28 days old at the time of his death. He had six brothers and sisters.

On February 15, 1847 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Harvey of Spencer, Indiana. To this union five children were born. He was survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son. One son preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Free Methodist Church. He spent the greater part of his life in this vicinity.

Funeral services were held at the residence August 17, 1922, burial in McCaleb cemetery.

## Mrs. Margaret Snow Cross Plains Three Times In The Covered Wagon



Mrs. Snow was born in Muscatine, Iowa on December 21, 1844, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who immigrated to Oregon in 1850, at which time Mrs. Snow was six years of age and of this journey through the wild and unbroken west she retains vivid memories of the trials and hardships encountered on that journey which was made by covered wagon drawn with oxen, in company with many other wagons, with their band of sturdy pioneers seeking the far flung boundary of the frontier, with a determination to carve a home out of the wilderness--the real empire builders of the great west.

In 1859 romance entered the life of Miss Margaret Thompson and she became the bride of Joseph Sisson. They continued to reside in Oregon until 1865, when they came to New York by way of vessel, and then by rail from New York to the farthest point west which was at that time reached by rail, and located on a farm three and a half mile from Naples, known as the Sisson ridge.

They were of hardy pioneer stock and soon were seized with a longing for the west and its lure of wealth and promise of great happiness, and in 1868 they sold their holdings at Naples and returned to Oregon by covered wagon once more. This time the trip was made in about four months, and they spent the winter in Portland with her parents. Then in 1869 they made the trip across the plains again by way of covered wagon, and bought their old home place at Naples back.

Joseph Sisson died October 2, 1872, and two years later she was married to Thomas Sisson, who died on August 10, 1880.

She was again married on February 28, 1883 to Martin Snow, a Civil War veteran who died September 16, 1923 leaving her a widow at the age of 79.

Mrs. Snow was the mother of six children: Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Mr. James Sisson, Mr. George Sisson, Mrs. Ida Hamey, Mrs. Addie Jamison and Mrs. Margaret Haley, all now deceased except Mrs. Margaret Haley, who resides in Springfield, Illinois.

One daughter, Mrs. Addie Jamison was born on the trail, in a covered wagon.

Four step-children were raised in the Snow home. Mr. Sam Snow, Mr. Wm. Snow, Mrs. Ann Harvey and Mrs. Millie Bagby, also three grandchildren.

Mrs. Snow passed away in November of 1925.





THOMAS O'BRIEN



JULIA O'CONNOR O'BRIEN



J. B. THOMPSON



MRS. J. B. THOMPSON

Mr. O'Brien, son of John and Bridget O'Brien, was born in Stanton, Va., August 1, 1855, the family moving to Iowa when he was one years old. He moved to Versailles in 1870, and the same year he began his railroad career with the Wabash railroad. He married Julia O'Conner of Mt. Sterling in 1882, and two sons, John and Maurice, both of whom followed the Wabash railroad careers, were born to them. The elder Mr. O'Brien had fifty-four years' continuous service as an employee of the Wabash, retiring before his death. During Mr. O'Brien's long career as engineer he had many men as firemen that were promoted to engineers on the Springfield division of the Wabash: Mack Fuson (serving 44 years of continuous service); Nelson Lock, Henry Starks, Henry Klockson, William and Herman Vannier, John Kennedy, William Frohwitter, Frank Stanton, William Borum, James Bingham, Eugene Carpenter and many others. The O'Briens' were the grandparents of Mrs. Ralph (Leah) Jones and Mrs. Jean Hart Evans (deceased), and John P. (Jack) O'Brien; great-grandparents of Steven, Brien and Michael Jones; Thomas L. Hart and Mrs. Clifford (Lynn) Hoots, and great-great-grandparents of Kim and Sandy Hart and Guy, Lorrie and Kristi Hoots.

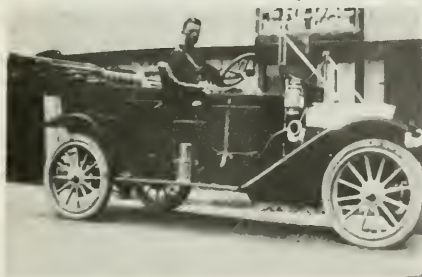
Father and mother of Mrs. Maurice (Bess) O'Brien, and the late Mrs. Ed (Grace) Merris, Dale Thompson and Everett Thompson.



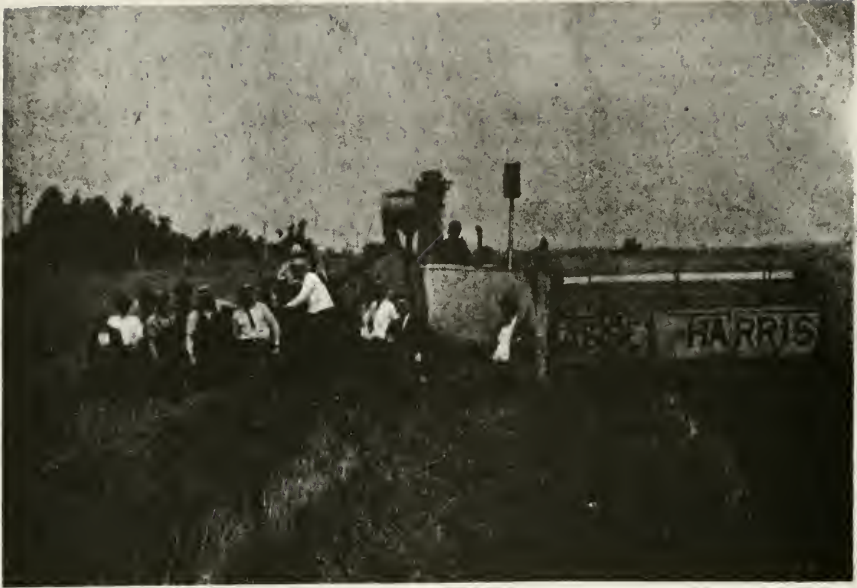
Minnie Lee Reigart on her 98th birthday in front of the lounge at Rose Garden Village, and her son Richard.

Mrs. Frank (Finnie) Reigart was born 1 year after Bluffs came into being. Aunt Minnie was a sister of the late Mrs. N.J. Moore. She was born July 23, 1872, at Naples, Ill, the oldest of Charles Keener Lee and Frances Critzer Lee's two children. Her parents were married from what was then the home of P. D. Critzer, now the Abbott Place. This united two of Naples' oldest and better known families.

Her son Richard is a retired Methodist minister at Riverside, Calif. Mrs. Reigart lives alone in an apartment at the Rose Garden Village, Riverside. She is the last known descendant of either the Keener or Critzer families.



Above is picture of "Regal" automobile with Mr. Fred D. Brockhouse standing by side.



The above picture was taken in 1925 on the Royal Oakes farm north of Bluffs, and featured a Massey-Harris Combine. The Oakes field was the first field of wheat cut by combine in the State of Illinois. Of those known in the above picture were Fred Northcutt, Royal Oakes, Herman Muns, Clarence Castle, Harold Oakes, Orville Masterson. Jesse Batley and Francis Winzelman were standing on the combine.



Another picture of the combine, the first used in Illinois in 1925: Francis "Beebe" Winzelman seated on tractor, Jesse Batley, seated on combine and Orville Masterson, standing in wagon.

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FRED BROCKHOUSE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE - 1918 to 1932. Fred and Etta Brockhouse are pictured above and their customer is believed to be Frank Faulkner. This is now the Dickens building.



HALPINS RESTAURANT in Bluffs, served many a good meal to the public and was a favorite meeting place for the local citizens. Pictured above are George Beagle, Ruth Green and Sam Halpin. member When???



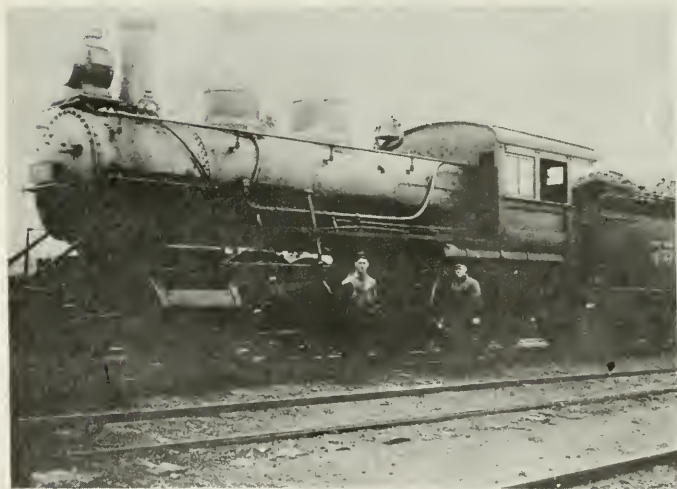
BLUFFS BASEBALL TEAM of 1916 and 1917: Seated l-r: Jesse Lankford, Maurice O'Brien, Clarke and Hamm; standing: William "Pop" Dimmitt, Jesse Batley, Kenneth Meehan, Leroy Castle, Bradbury, Omer Doyle and Dale Thompson.



REMEMBER THESE TEACHERS. . . . Seated l-r: Lulu Casteen and Amy Martin; standing - Daisy Hale, Miss Bradbury, Helen Meehan and T. C. Moore.



BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1913



Pictured along side Wabash steam engine are F. A. Denton, Engineer and Fred W. Walgren, Fireman. Picture property of Mrs. Clarence Pumphrey, daughter of F. W. Walgren.



Mrs. Margaret Snow and grandson, James "Pete" Sisson. Mr. and Mrs. Snow raised three grandchildren in their home, Pete, Mrs. Mary Gregory and Mrs. Pearl Mathews.



# A Newspaper History

by P. H. Vannier

The Bluffs Times isn't as old as the first primitive one printed in Germany in 1609 or the first in England in 1621 and it isn't as old as the first American PUBLICK OCCURRENCES, dated Sept. 25, 1690. The Bluffs Times is, however, 83 years old, and it is the only one interested in the Bluffs community and its 100 years of history making.

The more than 280 years the newspapers have chronicled everything from an essay by Benjamin Franklin as a newspaper subscriber to the New England Courant in 1722, "Silent Dogood" letter submitted anonymously to his half brother, or you could go the files on the Essex Gazette of Salem, April 25, 1775 and read about the battles of Lexington and Concord. Read about Robert Fulton's steamboat on the Hudson River in the New York American Citizen and about the trial of Aaron Burr for treason, both in column four, August 22, 1807.

The December 16, 1799 issue of The Times District of Columbia had the column rules upside down for the news of George Washington's death. Column rules had been up "full black" before when the October 31, 1965 announced the final issue of the Penn Courier because of opposition to the Stamp Act. A fellow named Paul Revere made engravings of coffins for funeral stories in 1770 for the Boston Gazette for the Boston Massacre. The same patriotic paper published the Tea Party story, Dec. 20, 1773, written by "an impartial observer" who turned out to be Samuel Adams.

History would never have known without a newspaper record that Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls," but that brilliant exhortation was printed in the Pennsylvania Packet and read to Washington's troops before they crossed the Delaware to Christmas victory at Trenton. His plea for cattle for hungry troops at Valley Forge made the front center page of the Connecticut Courant, March 17, 1778, and that paper is known as the Hartford Courant, oldest newspaper in the States.

The Washington hand press made by Hoe & Co. advanced printing but a cylinder for the platen and a bed of type moving back and forth printed thousands of papers per hour. One operated by hand continued to operate in Milton, Ill. in the late 20's but E. D. Beird, first local publisher of The Times had a gas engine and a raft of shafting and pulleys installed by the late Johnny Green to do the work in what is now the East Civic Club Bldg.

High speed printing brought the "penny paper" to the New York Sun and it won more readers in a few years than a near dozen rivals had combined. The Baltimore Sun was another famous penny paper founded a few years later in 1837. A year later the Boston Liberator built up press when it called the murder of Elijah P. Lovejoy, another abolitionist editor at Alton, Ill., a "horrid tragedy."

In 1845 woodcuts illustrated a full page of Andrew Jackson's funeral procession in the New York Herald and the press went forward again.

Newspapers covered the Civil War and headlines were bold in the North with more than 100 correspondents in

the field with the Union Army. The South's presses were short of newsprint. It was in 1863 that the web press made printing from rolls of newsprint possible and the "prayer of twenty millions" by Horace Greeley written in letter form to President Lincoln and published in the New York Tribune asked for a proclamation to free slaves immediately. That was August 20, 1862 and the proclamation was issued Sept. 22 to become effective the following Jan. 1. Horace Greeley's Tribune was a penny paper noted for influential editorials. The Cincinnati Commercial printed the full proclamation text.

Newspapers recorded the Atlantic Cable, 1866, the first transcontinental railroad and gold spike celebrated 100 years later in 1969, the telephone and phonograph and electric light in the 1870's. The Brooklyn Bridge was "first sold" in the late 80's via a hoax advertisement and Joseph Pulitzer, an immigrant who founded the St. Louis Post Dispatch added dignity, honesty and fairness to a new era of Journalism.

Newspapers hit a new high with more than 800 in 1880. That number of dailies increased to 1400 in 10 years with weekly papers numbering more than 10,000 a few years later, and the Bluffs Times was one of them.

The increase was partially due to the advent of the line casting machine by Ottman Mergenthaler in 1886. That machine eliminated setting type, which also had to be returned to the case by hand for reuse. Ottman's machine cast a solid slug from hot molten metal over a line of type matrices which were then automatically redistributed over individual combinations to the magazine for reuse.

The use of illustrations and cartoons were on their way when the New York Morning Journal pictured the 3-ft. snow in March that caused a "Horse-Car Waterloo" in 1888 and little orphan Annie, Mutt and Jeff swelled the syndicated reader circulation following the turn of the century.

The linotypes and hot metal are fast giving way to progress in all except the largest dailies and modern offset picture plate presses are being made by the same Hoe family that made the old Washington Hand press.

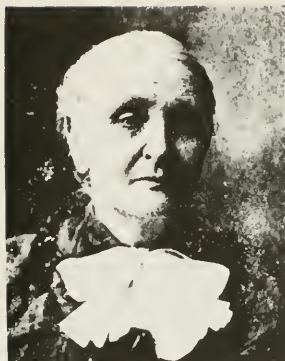
The Bluffs Times readers are fortunate that it has adopted the offset process and hundreds of historical photos can be reproduced to tell the 100 year story of Bluffs.

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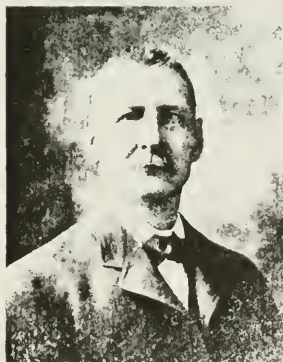
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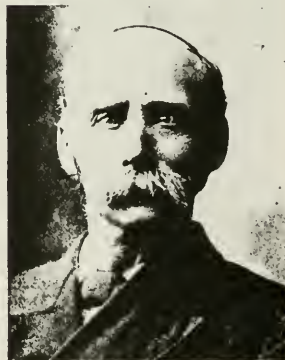
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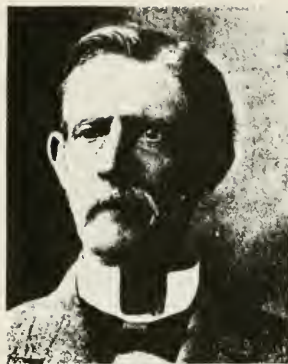


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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THE TIME THE NEW COURT  
HOUSE WAS ERECTED.



GREEN HARDWARE STORE AND POST OFFICE: standing l-r: Paul M. Green, his father, William Green, and two customers, Lawrence McCullom and Maurice O'Brien.



Robert Lovekamp, age 2½ years.  
Bob is present Village Policeman.

## - Vannier History -

Since Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Vannier were publishers of The Bluffs Times for more than 30 years, and volunteered for World War II, a Vannier history might be befitting.

The records show that P. H.'s grandfather left Alsace, Lorraine, then under German rule, before draft age to avoid compulsory military service. He and a cousin landed at New Orleans broke and signed up 10 dollars a month job driving horses.

The horses turned out to be part mule teams hitched to wagons in trains hauling ammunition and war provisions through territory inhabited by belligerent Indians. On their second trip in to the Mexican border their train master traded his Irish drinking drivers for German drivers who did a little drinkin' but kept their horses well fed and their harness in good condition.

Vannier's great grandpa in Germany received word that his son Henry was killed by Indians who massacred all the drivers, drove off the horses, stole the war provisions and burned the wagons in the train to which he was registered and from which he was traded to the train returning back to New Orleans. His mule train service was an aid in securing 160 acres of land later in the Oak Dale neighborhood where he married and lived until his oldest son, George, was in the 7th grade. George H. had to quit school to help his mother raise the family pictured below.

His first schooling was where John Brown's trailer is now at the north edge of Bluffs on Rt. 100. Curtis Unger was the teacher and it was from him he learned to read, to remember and keep a mental picture of everything he saw, plus a knowledge of spelling and arithmetic that always amazed his children. The school was family supported and the teacher took ham, chicken, grist mill products, etc. in lieu of money. That school building was the center of the population area.

The North Scott area became more thickly childrenized and a second building was built where Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Vortman and Mrs. Anna Lovekamp now live. The school population center changed again. Vanniers donated land for the new Oak Dale site which reverted back to the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nobis when it ceased to be a school following consolidation.

Like early pioneers, George H. continued his study of Ray's Higher Arithmetic, history and the dictionary. He could add three columns of figures without a pencil and could give the answer to problems in Algebra but not by equations.

He organized the first telephone company with Henry T. Rainey, 20th Dist. Congressman and later Speaker of the House, layed out the first rural mail route out of Bluffs. Orval Masterson, father of the late Wayne, was first carrier. His was the first field of Alfalfa. He helped organize the community school district, the Farm Bureau, sold one of the first Country Life Insurance policies in Scott County, sponsored co-op livestock marketing, rural electricity, good roads, successful in locating Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Trail through Chapin and Bluffs. Received high recognition from Governor Len Small for aid in passing the 60 million dollar bond issue for hard roads. He passed an examination and was named County Supt. of Highways in Scott County, the only one in the State of Illinois with-

out a high school education. Bridges across creeks at Exeter and Glasgow are evidence of his knowledge of concrete - no cracks or faults over a half century of use.

Mr. and Mrs. Vannier were the parents of eight children, three of who died in infancy. This pictures the family on the front porch of their farm home about 1910.



Back Row, l to R: Ina, Cora and Lena.  
Front Row, l to R: LaBelle and Paul.

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A portion of the Bluffs Boy Scouts as they were in the Pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb and Home in Springfield, Illinois in 1971. Back row, 1. to r. Leader-Jack Barnett, Mark Barnett, Sam Spears, Ricky Barnett, Robert Barnett, Don Smith. First row, 1. to r. Mark Williams, Randy Bland, Tim Welch, Terry Littig, Kerry Littig, Kelly Sears, Steve Graves, Jeff Six, Steve Littig, Mark Bentley, Kevin Smith, David Friesen, Jody Gregory.



Signs were placed on both State Route 100 entering Bluffs, designating the Bluffs Centennial July 10 and 11th. These signs were put up early in the Spring.

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Mr. Mains lived southeast of Bluffs on a farm with a family of nine children. He was in the Civil War when Malissa was a baby, she, Mrs. John Lawson was the mother of the boys who were all in the World War One. Six of the boys enlisted, but one, Jesse was returned home, the other five were taken. Their two daughters Mrs. Annis Grady and Mrs. Daisy Brown.



Pictured in front of the Brockhouse Power Plant: Earl Burrus, Fred Brockhouse, and Louis Bentz.



THE FAMILY OF ALBERT LITTIG SR. who came to this country from Germany, and settled in Scott County. Pictured above are: front row: 1. to r. Marie Littig, Mrs. Albert (Bosse) Littig Sr., Carl Littig, Albert Littig Sr., Emma Littig. 2nd row: Albert Littig Jr., Minnie Littig, Bertha Littig Nortrup, Kathryn Littig Alhorn, Anna Littig Walker and Herman Littig.

- Two of the members of the family are still living, Minnie and Kathryn, who both reside at R.R. Meredosia, Illinois.



Maurice F. O'Brien and Bess Thompson O'Brien on their wedding day at Camp Sherman, Ohio

-:- 1918 -:-



BLUFFS CIVIL WAR & SPANISH WAR VETERANS, photo was taken on Memorial Day in 1913. L-R: Wes Finney, Dave Thompson, Milt Jackson, Cool Stanton, ? Wilday, Curt Unger.

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# Railroading Differences 1888 and 1971

Railroads in Illinois started at Meredosia with a spur to Naples in the wood-burning steam train days. And-with a round house, Bluffs boomed with train crews, machinists, repairmen and other Wabash employees taking a vital place in the town's economy.

"All that was years ago" a retired railroader told us. When the last train crew out of Bluffs was called January 31, 1960, it marked the end of a golden era of employment and sizeable payroll.

In comparison of railroading at the turn of the century, and 1960, Herman Vannier, retired engineer, found interesting reading in a 23 page schedule for workers. The 1909 pay for engineers on the Pittsfield-Maysville branch was \$75 per month and fireman \$62.50. They got a raise of 30 cents per day for a total pay of \$2.38 per day. (the pay per month in 1960 ran into four figures instead of two). The pay schedule of 1909 was based on the size of the cylinders of the engine.

The schedule of rules and working conditions in 1960 contained 178 pages. Tonnage in 1909 up the Griggsville hill was a limit of 50 cars and 650 tons.

-1924 Seniority List--The eight hour law caused a need for double crews and there were 36 train crews out of Springfield. The 1924 seniority list contained 95 engineers with 73 holding regular jobs with 133 on the fireman list.

The January 1960 list included 31 engineers on the division with 19 regular jobs-four more than the number of regular assigned engine crews working out of Bluffs in 1914.

A large number of crews were needed-take the Pittsfield-Maysville, 6 miles of track had train No. 30 east bound at 6:40 a.m. (except Sunday) in 1897, No. 32 (Daily) 8:45 a.m. No. 38 (except Sunday) 8 p.m. Those trains were 15 minutes arriving at the junction and returned to Pittsfield approximately an hour later.

The 1897 train schedule pictured the Union Station in St. Louis, largest, handsomest, and most magnificent passenger station in the world-costing \$5,000,000 with Mr. Fred Harvey managing the restaurant meals served a la carte, plan, except noon lunch, for 35 cents.

Sleeping buffet cars had high-cushioned backs with electric bells to summon the porter at all hours. A full page told of arrangements with the New York Central and Hudson River and West Shore R.R. for round trip to Niagara Falls.

The total mileage of the Wabash line was 2,124.6 miles as of May 1, 1897 and pictured in two colors on the cover was Wabash Engine 144 with the old fashioned rod and pin coupler. Pintsch gas was used to cook, light and provide steam heat on the cafe and buffet cars.

Newspaper and magazine publishers and agencies were well advertised in the time table and News "Butches" sold reading material, candy bars, etc. Sleeping car rates between St. Louis and Chicago were \$2.00; drawing room \$7.00; Chicago and New York \$5 and \$18; St. Louis and Los Angeles \$14.50 and \$36.

Fausts famous Oyster House in St. Louis also advertised clam, fish, lobster, terrapin together with foreign delicacies.

Special rates could be had by Stock men and theatrical people at the Atlantic Hotel in Chicago then at Sherman and VanBuren Streets \$2.00 per day. The Arlington was the

only hotel on the United States Reservation at Hot Springs, Ark. Steel bridges connected each floor with the mountain in the rear for easy wheeling of invalids to the mountain and for escape in case of fire.

The 1888 train schedules had three trains east thru Bluffs arriving 3:19 a.m., and 7:08 a.m. and 6:55 p.m. Going west trains arrived at 12:10 a.m. 7:15 p.m. and 8:18 a.m. There were two passenger trains thru Meredosia from Quincy to Keokuk to Bluffs 6:53 a.m. and 6:36 p.m. going east and 7:39 p.m. and 8:40 a.m. going west.

-Coupon Stations-Coupon stations were listed in 1897 along with population-Bluffs in 1897-421; Barry-1,354; Chapin-500, Chicago-1,099,850, Decatur 16,841, Jacksonville 12, 935, and Springfield 24,963.

The scheduled time from Decatur to Hannibal was 4 hours 50 minutes in 1888 and there was little difference in 1897. The passenger trains were even numbered going east thru Bluffs-No. 6 daily, No. 44 daily except Sunday and No. 42 daily. Going west, No. 1, No. 5 and No. 3 daily except No. 5. The numbers changed somewhat for the '97 timetable but were even or odds by direction.

The Wabash ran 9 suburban trains from St. Charles into St. Louis Union Station-six in the a.m. and 4 in the afternoon-six daily, 3 daily except Sunday and one Sunday morning only. An equal number also served St. Charles via Ferguson to Olive Street, St. Louis. The time for the run averaged 40 and 50 minutes for the 23.3 miles to Union Station and about the same for the 22.5 miles to Olive St.

In 1888 the Wabash agent at Chapin was E.L. Riggs; Bluffs-H. C. Finney; Meredosia, M.F. Anderson; Naples-John Quinlan; Neelys, F. L. Winesburg; Valley City-D.L. McCartney, Versailles-E.B. Owen; Markham-G.W. Sargeant, Griggsville-C. C. Wilson; Baylis-T. F. McPherson.

Bluffs and Jacksonville were the only stations in this area with day and night telegraph and coupon service.



Pictured in 1914 at the Griggsville Fair are Lecie Cox and Earl Gilman, now Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilman of Bluffs.



This photograph reproduced with the following article, page 78, Railway Age, August 14, 1948:

ILLINOIS' FIRST LOCOMOTIVE REPRESENTED AT FAIR—On exhibition by the Wabash at the Railroad Fair in Chicago is a replica of the "Rogers", first steam locomotive to operate in Illinois and the West. The locomotive was the fourth built by Rogers, Ketchum & Grosvenor, of Paterson, N.J., and was listed on the books of that company as "Experiment" when completed on June 12, 1838. After a long sea and river voyage via New Orleans, the machine reached Meredosia, on the Illinois River, on November 8, 1838, and was placed in service two days later on the Northern Cross (now Wabash). This was only a little more than eight years after common carrier railroading started in the United States.

Actual dimensions of the "Rogers" are not known, but it is believed to have been somewhat smaller than Rogers' first product, the famous "Sandusky". Historians estimate it weighed about seven tons.

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Two different views of the Bluffs Community Band taken in the late 1890's. Do you know anyone?



# BLUFFS WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS

-\*Story by John Brown, Water Superintendent-\*-



Bluffs is located in the northwest corner of Scott Co. It is approximately fifty miles west of Springfield, Ill., the Capitol of Illinois and is served by Illinois Route 100 and the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The first settlers arrived in 1829 when the town was named Deerfield and then changed to Bluffs, and became incorporated in 1871.  
1936---1953

The Village operates its own water works and was completed by the P.W.A. November 20, 1936 at a total cost of nearly \$60,000. The well No. 1, is 56 feet deep (which is not in use), and pumping at the rate of 100 gallon per minute. Water rates were minimum charge of \$1.50, first 2,000 gallons or less, then .60¢ per thousand with the rates decreasing with the more used. Starting with less than 100 service taps the number of users has grown by 1939 to 160 connections. The tapping fee cost \$1.50. Hugh Moore was Water Superintendent since the system was placed in operation.

Existing equipment consists of dry feeders for feeding lime and alum, a mixing basin, settling tank, and recarbonation equipment. In 1942 No. 2 well was installed which is still used only as a standby. The present capacity is approximately 50 gallons per minute with the depth of 61 feet.

1953--1956

The years meters were installed of approximately 280 and the well No. 2 was down with a broken shaft. And a new chlorinator was installed, feeding a hypo-chlorite solution into the water. The Plant itself was in need of repair.

1956--1965

By 1958 well No. 3 was constructed, located northeast of the building and is used almost exclusively. And was designed to deliver 150 gallons per minute with a depth of 59 feet.

In 1963 was the big turning point in the water treatment plant improvement. The rebuilding of the plant, is capable of removing the iron and manganese from the raw water, operating at the rate of 150 gallons per minute.

The finished water having an iron and manganese content of 0.2 parts per million. And water carrying a chlorine residual of at least 0.2 parts per million as it leaves the plant. The plant was operated by Harold Baird at this time.

1965--1971

Through this time more homes were built. The addition of ValleyView was added to the water system. Outside meters were put on for better reading, valves were replaced. Flouridation was installed June 11, 1968, in order to protect the dental health of the children. There are presently 331 water customers, which use approximately 75,000 gallons per day, pumping at the rate of 150 gallon per minute. Water rates were raised, December 1, 1970 to \$3.00 for the first 2,500 gallons per month with the next 7,500 at .50¢ per 1000 gallons and the rate decreasing with the more used.

The cost for the installing was \$23,491.18. The water rates were raised to \$2.25 for the first 2,500 gallons per month or less with the next 7,500 gallons at 50¢ per 1000 and with the rates decreasing with the more used.

At the present time the Plant consists of two drilled wells, one of which is No.3 well which is 59 feet deep and the other No. 2 well, which is 61 feet deep. The Village of Bluffs has two storage tanks. One at the Plant which holds approximately 25,000 gallons, and one located on North Street, east of State Route 100., which has a capacity of 80,000 gallons. The wells deliver water through a forced air, aerator, into the storage tank at the plant. Then its picked up by a HS-Service pump, taking the water through the plant for processing and to the water tower and on to the consumer.

Pumping increased from 1967 to 1971 to 5.3 million gallons. Averaging 75,000 gallons per day. The pipe lines running through the village pipe are mostly 4 inches and 6 inch mains, and approximately 7 miles of pipe. John Brown in Bluffs Water Superintendent at the present time.



The Village of Bluffs Sanitary Sewer System and Sewage Treatment Plant was completed by the W.P.A. by 1940, with approximately 5.6 miles of pipe. There are presently 317 connected onto the system. Sewer mains running through

the Village are mostly 8 inch versified clay tile, with sixty manholes.

The treatment was designed for a population of 1,000 to 75,000 gallons per day, with the plant average flow per day approximately 40,000 gallons (dry weather flow).

The plant was designed as a trickling filter plant, consisting primarily of a preliminary, primary and secondary treatment. Preliminary treatment consists of two submerged centrifugal sewage pumping units and bar screen; primary is settling tank of the Imhoff type, which settles out the heavy material; secondary treatment is the last stage of treatment, where sewage runs through the trickling filter for aeration and then to the final settling tank.

The pumps have a capacity of 140 gallon per minute.

**BOND ISSUE PASSED IN BLUFFS**--A Bond Issue for the improvement of the Bluffs Village Sewer facilities passed Tuesday, November 17, 1970 by a vote of 77 for and 19 against.

The bond issue, totaling \$94,000, was for payment of the cost of improving the village sewer system, including improvements to the sewerage treatment plant.

The bonds were to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 7 percent.

The bond issue was passed primarily to be used at water plant located west of Bluffs in the purchase of six acres of land from Glenn Head of Springfield, to build a lagoon, and completely renovate the water works. Plans are to rehabilitate and enlarge the existing sewage treatment facility to increase its capacity and enable the same to meet the needs of the Village, such improvements consisted of the construction and installation of waste stabilization lagoons, construction and installation of a new lift station, repairing and enlarging sludge drying beds, constructing and equipping a chlorination treatment plant, rehabilitating and making additions to the existing sewage treatment plant and included all piping, equipment, valves, controls, wiring and appurtenances incident thereto.

Work was to begin in the late summer of 1971.



The North Scott Fire Protection District is made up of volunteer firemen. The Fire Chief during our Centennial year is John Brown, pictured above.



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A picture of the Ladies Aid of the M. P. Church in 1924 or 1925.



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Mrs. John E. Learned ('Aunt  
Bell'), who was the sister of  
Elizabeth Ann Hatfield Shore,  
the wife of James N. Shore and  
Aunt of Rena Shore Walgren.



Pictured are  
the 'Shore Brothers'; James N.  
Shore, Fred C.  
Shore and Frank  
Shore.



Center: Bernard Rudolph Müller; on his lap, Wilhelm Gerhart Müller, his oldest child; to his right, his wife, Anna Mary Adeline Nortrup Müller, holding Anna and Margretha Müller. Standing: Bernard's sister and mother.

According to the wedding certificate, still legible, Bernard Rudolph Müller and Anna Mary Adeline Nortrup were married April 14, 1865, the day Abraham Lincoln was shot. (Legend has it that the marriage was on ship-board as they arrived from Germany, but research has not yet proved or disproved this.)

Bernard Mueller and his wife settled on a farm about two miles from Bluffs a century ago which is still owned and operated by his granddaughter, Henrietta Schweer, the daughter of Annie Marie Müller.



Picture taken September 9, 1916 on the 25th wedding anniversary of Wm. G. Mueller (Bernard Rudolph Müller's oldest child) and Barbara Vortman Mueller. First Row: Olin Second Row: Vern, I. D., Vita Back Row: Zela, Coin, William and Barbara. (May 31, 1971 -- Wm. G., Barbara and Coin O., deceased)

## Müller Family Well Represented in Bluffs History

There are now six generations of Muellers beginning with Bernard Rudolph Mueller who brought his bride to a farm so near to Bluffs a century ago. There were 12 children, two of whom died in infancy. Only one child is living (May 31, 1971) --Edith Mueller Seeman. (Mrs. Clarence). She has lived within the city of Bluffs for more than fifty years. Many other descendants still live in Bluffs or nearby. Others may be found from California to New Jersey. Allied last names are Berry, Busch, Chapman, Coltrin, Edwards, Filer, Fiene, Graushrick, Grausman, Fowler, Fargo, Hutton, Havlin, Hyler, Kunkel, Krause, Kuhn, Kahle, Loyd, Loesch, Langford, Nepel, Goodal, Paddock, Sappington, Spurbeck, Roe, Thomas, McCormick, Morris, Sonntag, Sweetman, Wilson, Edwards.

Since the turn of the century, the town of Bluffs has always had one or more of his descendants in business--poultry, egg, restaurant ice, coal, general store, real estate, feed and motor cycle and machinery. Many others have chosen teaching, farming and railroading (when it was at its peak). A large percent have college training. As a family, most members, have been and still are consistant Lutherans, serving in church offices and in Bible School.

Rudolph Mueller's name appears among the charter voting members of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Neelyville in 1870. William Mueller was on the building committee and was the first Church secretary of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bluffs in 1913.

The members of the family have been loyal citizens of USA, serving and sacrificing for their country

The Bluffs Centennial is thus richer, in business, professions, in civil and religious life for the contributions of such families as the Muellers.



Emma Weiss Mueller hanging the U.S. Mail at Neelyville, Ill., in the years of 1911-12, and 13.



Anna Vannier Sommers, mother of Henry and John Sommers of Jacksonville and the late Lillian Sommers Rolf



Fred G. Vannier and sisters, Katie Vannier O'Hair and Caroline Vannier Merriman - date unknown.



Louise Vannier Budke with a son Harry, living in Wichita, Kansas, and a daughter, Florence Budke Lacy, living in California.



Old Methodist Church group



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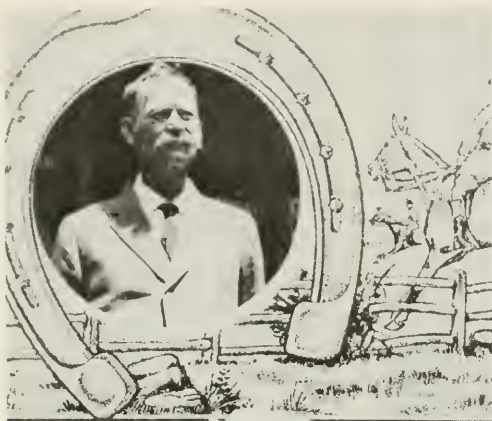
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Gretchen Vannier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Vannier.



Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Vannier, when she served in WWII in WAACS.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Ranft, Bluffs, Illinois. (June 1968)



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John H. Mueller, Raymond Mueller, Alvie Inskip on butchering day long ago.



Mrs. Louisa Conrady, mother of Katie Englebrecht and John Conrady and Ella Tomhave. Born 1860, died 1944. Lived in Bluffs and Neelyville area all her life. Was and aunt of Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois.





This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Schuessler taken in 1919 at Bluffs, Illinois.



Mary Ellen Whipple Cox, 'Grandmother Cox' with grandchildren, Mary Price Chambers and George Price. (1905)



LaBelle, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Vannier. She taught school in Bluffs, West Frankford, Riverside, Virden, Roanoke, Chapin, Jacksonville and retired from Winchester last year to become a world traveler. She and her husband, the late Harry Merriman of Virden, resided in Jacksonville and raised two adopted children.



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Left to Right: Floyd Hierman, Cecil Murrah, Dr. Harvey Sears, Roy Beird, Glen Head, Dr. E. C. Thorne, Jennings Thompson, Leroy Castle, Russell Wolford--Basketball Class of 1915 at Bluffs High School.



Mary Vannier Boesch, mother of May Schultzy, lived most of her life in Nebraska and Kansas.

## Willing Workers Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran Church

In July 1917 a Ladies Aid Society was organized which chose as its name "The Willing Workers Aid Society".

The members meet regularly twice a month and spend much time in quilting and serving dinners to local organizations. Lunch has been provided at many 'Sales' throughout the community.

Since its existence this Society has donated generously to benevolent and charitable purposes and provided for some of the interior furnishing of the church. It has given generously to the Building Fund of the new church.

At the present time it numbers 42 members. We have one charter member and 10 honorary members.

The Officers during 1971 are: Mrs. Aldo Engelbrecht, President, Mrs. Carl Pahlman, Vice-President; Mrs. Paul Ellerman, Secretary and Mrs. Henry Pahlman, Treasurer.

The Organization became affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League or in short L.W.M.L. in 1941. The L.W.M.L. edits a Quarterly Publication which includes three lessons. These topics are used, studied and discussed at the Business Meeting, the first Thursday of every month. The Mite Box Service of which Mrs. Clarence Pahlman is chairman is also conducted quarterly. This money flows into the Treasury of the L.W.M.L. and is used for projects, needing assistance, at Home or Abroad. Just last year Bethesda Lutheran Home received a check for \$7,777.50.



Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Corbridge in baker uniform dress in front of their first bakery in Bluffs. (There was an earlier bakery with gas engine powered dough mixing machine on the present site of the Don Savage Barbershop.) The concrete base for the machine is between the rear of the barbershop and the two bedroom trailer occupied by Mrs. Kirkbride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Magelitz.





Charles Frohwitter. Father of Ida Schuessler.



BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM of 1913 kneeling, l-r: Nora Baird, Ora Husband Likes, Mabel Green, Katherine Woods Rankin, Mildred Chapman Miller, Zeta Merris, sitting - Bess Thompson O'Brien.



"Dutch" Henry, flagman at Bluffs R.R. Crossing.



Ida Frohwitter Schuessler, Harriett Frohwitter Eagan, Anna Frohwitter Gaus, Carl Richardson and Bill Glaze.



Mrs. Florence Frohwitter Glaze in 1908. She is the mother of Mrs. Ida B. Schuessler.

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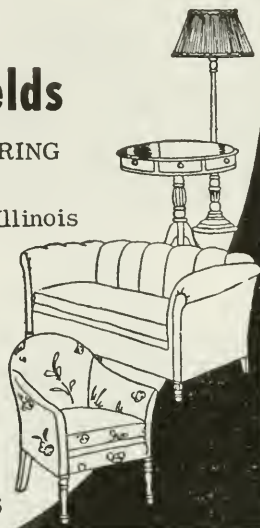


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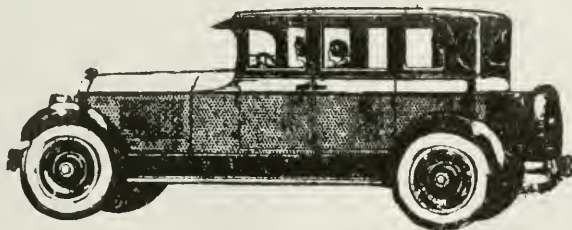
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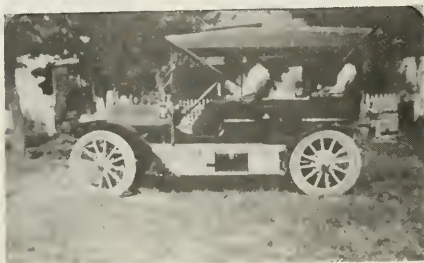
One of the first power tractor trucks being demonstrated on the late James Hamilton farm west of Bluffs. John and Grant Pine were in the Avery Implement business in 1910.

### FRED D. BROCKHOUSE GARAGE AND MACHINE SHOP



In 1912 or 1913 Fred D. Brockhouse sold his light plant to the CIPS Co. He then started a garage and machine shop in the building next door to the light plant. These buildings were located next to the bridge where Cockerill's Garage was located, now leased by Illinois Valley as a machine shop.

During the time Mr. Brockhouse operated the garage, he had the first car dealership in Bluffs. The cars were "Regal" make, and had a right hand drive. They were made in Detroit with Mrs. Brockhouse's cars coming from St. Louis and were shipped by boat to Naples. He ran the garage until the WW 1 started. He then sold the business.



Another view of the "Regal"

## WHICH WHEAT FOR ILLINOIS?

So read the headlines in August, 1951!

Around the turn of the century, a young Scott county farmer named Royal Oakes began raising wheat as his father and grandfather had done before him. Some years, his yields were disappointingly low. The wheat froze out. This set Oakes to thinking that perhaps there were better varieties of the crop that might put up a stiffer fight against winter killing.

He decided to test them himself. He sowed the new seed in 1907 and thus were born the Oakes wheat test plots. They are now famous for the fact that in each of the past 64 years a part of the Oakes farm has been devoted to testing different varieties of the grain. These years have meant for him and his sons, a long search to find the best types for his home state. Farmers came each year from miles and miles around to watch the tests with a careful eye for information about yield, weight, moisture content, quality of straw, height, standing ability and resistance to disease.

Oakes, a charter member of his county Farm Bureau, ran his own test plots for 23 years. Then, in 1930, University of Illinois crop scientists asked him to test some varieties for them to find out what their milling qualities might be. He cooperated with the university up until the time of his death in 1967, and his son, Harold, has carried on the Oakes tradition in his place.

On the next page, is the front cover of the IAA RECORD, a Farm Bureau magazine, published in August, 1951, which featured Mr. Oakes on it's cover. with story inside.

Mr. Oakes, 86, passed away at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 1967 at Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois, where he had been a patient many times prior to his death.

Mr. Oakes was born in Bluffs October 24, 1881, the son of Henry and Emaline Richardson Oakes. He married Miss Margaret Payne October 5, 1913. She died in 1969. Surviving are three sons, Harold of Bluffs, Charles of Equador, and James of St. Louis, and these grandchildren: John and Steven Oakes, Mrs. Frances Goetze, Mrs. Sandra Coon, Jacqueline and Alfred Oakes, and these great-grandchildren, Melissa and Dicky Coon and Rae-ann and Rodney Goetze. One sister, Mrs. Glenn Head of Springfield also survives.

He was preceded in death by one son, Henry Warren and two sisters and a brother.

He was a member of the Scott County Farm Bureau and served on the Board of Directors at the Bank of Bluffs. He was active in the Bluffs Methodist Church.

Mr. Oakes, in his past career, besides being a very successful and respected farmer in the Bluffs community, has been quite active with the College of Agriculture in the Department of Agronomy at the University of Illinois, and has raised a great many test plots of grain and nut trees during his lifetime.

Private Services were held at the Oakes home with Rev. M. D. Goldsborough officiating. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Bluffs.

Besides his activities with the College of Agriculture in the Department of Agronomy at the University of Illinois, he was a very successful and respected farmer in our community, and in later life also gained fame for experiments with nut trees.

It is indeed a great privilege to list Mr. Oakes in our Centennial Magazine. He was a fine man!

# *I.F.B.* Record

ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU MAGAZINE

AUGUST • 1951



*Which Wheat for Illinois?* see pg 16





Seated 1-r: Mrs. Belle Wright, Mrs. Joseph Moore, Mrs. Hattie Middendorf, Mrs. Joseph Moore, Mrs. Gony Cordell Moore and George Moore; standing 1-r: Ira Moore, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. Sadie Hart (mother of Mrs. Beulah Sears), Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Estella Middendorf (only one living), John Moore and Mrs. Emma Huddleston.



Scott Lodge # 708 I. O. O. F. Bluffs, Illinois



# Our Government Representatives



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# LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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I am delighted to have this opportunity of extending my hearty congratulations to Bluffs, its officers and friends, and to every resident.

Representing so much of what is the bedrock of America and our state, Bluffs should look forward with confidence to the second century of thrift, industry, and good citizenship for its families and children.

Your consciousness of your past can be heightened by your confidence in the future.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Richard B. Ogilvie  
Governor  
State of Illinois

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Dear Friends: My sincere congratulations on your 100th birthday.

It has been my privilege to visit Bluffs on many occasions, one time to speak at your high school commencement and another time to speak to a civic meeting, and one time to speak to a Methodist's men's group.

I have also visited there on other occasions.

I've always liked your community and congratulate you on this milestone in its history.

I hope the future of your community will be a bright one and if I can ever be of assistance, please let me know.

Cordially,  
/s/ Paul Simon  
Lt. Governor,  
State of Illinois

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
% Jones Publishing Company  
Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois  
Dear Friends:

With heartiest congratulations I salute the Bluffs community on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration.

All my life I have known of Bluffs. First, during my boyhood days in nearby Jacksonville, then later as a businessman, newspaper publisher, in Pittsfield, and finally, as the Representative in Congress for this fine community.

I congratulate the citizens of the community especially on their good fortune to live in a fine rural area such as Bluffs where there is a bit of elbow-room, plenty of fresh air and friendly, helpful neighbors.

May the leaders of tomorrow be as farsighted as those of the past and present so that future generations may also enjoy the blessings of rural community living.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Paul Findley  
Representative in Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Office of the Secretary of State  
Springfield, Illinois  
The Citizens of Bluffs  
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Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois 62621  
Dear Friends:

It is a real pleasure to add my congratulations to the many others you have received on the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Village of Bluffs.

I am sure the observances you have planned for this year, climaxing with your Centennial Celebration on July 10 and 11, will be interesting and informative, and it is most appropriate that you mark this occasion in a special manner.

In these days when everything seems to move at jet speed, it is well that we pause and look back to a time when life's pace was less hectic and recognize that the towns and villages then being established are really the foundation stones on which the development and progress of our State still rests. We will always need that solid foundation to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Again, my congratulations, and all best wishes for the next one hundred years.

Sincerely,  
/s/ John W. Lewis  
Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

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The Citizens of Bluffs: Dear Friends, My heartiest congratulations on the occasion of Bluffs Centennial Celebration. I want you to know that I share in the pride that I am sure you feel today -- and I send my personal thanks to each individual for his contribution to the community of Bluffs. Your concern and efforts have made Bluffs the thriving village that it is today, and I commend your spirit of citizenship.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Sincerely,  
/s/ Adlai E. Stevenson III

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
% Jones Publishing Company  
Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois  
Dear Citizens of Bluffs:

Congratulations on your Centennial!

I am sure that you feel a deep sense of pride and achievement for the resurrection of your village out of nothing in the last 100 years.

I also glow in your achievements and look forward to spending one day in Bluffs congratulating you personally on Bluffs contribution to Scott County and to the Nation as well.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Elmo F. McClain  
State Representative 50th District  
State of Illinois

Mrs. Leah O. Jones, Editor  
Jones Publishing Company  
Bluffs, Illinois 62621

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you for your letter regarding Bluffs' Centennial Celebration. I am sure that you know that I am preparing to introduce a resolution for adoption by the General Assembly of Illinois commending Bluffs for the occasion.

Thanks agains.

Yours truly,  
/s/ Tomas C. Rose  
State Representative  
State of Illinois

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Jones Publishing Co.

Bluffs, Illinois

Dear Friends:

My sincere congratulations to all the citizens of Bluffs on your July 10, 1971 Centennial celebration.

The proud history of Bluffs is a bright spot in the colorful story of Illinois and its growth and progress. It is fine communities such as yours that makes Illinois a great state. You can look back with pride upon your heritage and traditions and look with equal pride toward your progress and accomplishments. Your fine library is an example of progress made in your community, just to cite one example.

May I commend all of you who have helped to build your community into the fine place that it is to rear a family and enjoy life.

On this very special occasion, I want to extend my very best wishes for a successful event, and my hopes for continued growth and success go with your community for yourselves and for generations yet to come.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Jerry Corbett  
State Representative

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
% Jones Publishing Company  
Box 335

Bluffs, Illinois

Dear Citizens of Bluffs,

Congratulations to the citizens of Bluffs on the 100th anniversary of your village.

More than one-half of the 1,250 municipalities in Illinois have fewer than 1,000 population. Villages like yours are the backbone of our Great State.

For 100 years the village government has served the people of Bluffs. You have your own library, your own water and sewer system and your municipal facilities for recreation. Like municipalities everywhere you are solving the problem of matching services to revenue.

A world of luck to you as you begin the second 100 years of your existence as a village.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Michael J. Howlett  
Auditor of Public Accounts  
State of Illinois

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The Citizens of Bluffs: The City of Winchester extends to you its most hearty congratulations. Only once in our lives do we have the opportunity to celebrate a Centennial; and you are to be commended for a manifestly successful effort to make your celebration one to be enjoyed, remembered, and emulated.

The City of Winchester  
Wm. Moss, Mayor

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Citizens of Bluffs, Illinois: It gives me great pleasure to write this congratulatory letter to the citizens of Bluffs. In the past years I have had many friends and relatives in Bluffs.

Bluffs and Meredosia are drawn close together by the geographical location, and have had good relationships over the past years. In many ways our villages are alike. Small in size, much great history and many historical events as we look back, and many wonderful people.

We have always been great rivals in sports, but friendly toward each other community wise. Since I have been Mayor of Meredosia I have found the people of Bluffs always ready to cooperate. I have called on your Mayor for help and always got it; our water and police departments have worked together when necessary. Your library board has cooperated in getting our library started, and in recent years our schools are bound closer together by having combined building and trades classes. Our churches and lodges have been very close and cooperative. We cannot leave out the fact that our weekly newspaper is printed in Bluffs and has been for many years.

The people of Meredosia will be interested in the events to take place in Bluffs this year. And I am sure the people of Meredosia are with me when I say congratulations on your first 100 years, and we hope Bluffs will continue to prosper and grow for many, many years to come, and that in the years ahead our two communities may grow even closer together.

May you have a wonderful centennial celebration.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ James W. Boyd  
Pres., Village Board  
Meredosia, Illinois

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
Bluffs, Illinois

Dear Friends:

The President and Village Board of Trustees of Alsey, Illinois extend Congratulations to you in honor of Bluffs' 100th birthday.

We wish you a successful Centennial Celebration and hope that your village will continue to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Clarence Dobson, President  
W.S. Bowman, Trustee  
Kenneth Barnett, Trustee  
Lee Wells, Trustee  
Mancel Wilson, Trustee  
Donald Nicholson, Trustee  
Harold Jefferson, Trustee  
Kenneth Leitze, Clerk

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Village of Alsey, Illinois



The Citizens of Bluffs  
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Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois  
Gentlemen:

On behalf of the citizens of Beardstown, our City Council and myself as Mayor of the City of Beardstown, I want to express to the citizens of Bluffs our sincerest and heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the 100th birthday celebration of your municipality. We are proud to be your neighbor and look forward to another 100 years of cordial and friendly relationship between the citizens of our two communities. If at all possible, either I or a representative of our city will be on hand on July 10, 1971 to represent our community at your Centennial Celebration.

Sincerely,  
The City of Beardstown  
/s/ Robert E. Summey  
Its Mayor

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
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Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois

On behalf of the citizens of the Village of Versailles, the Village Board, and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Village of Bluffs on its one-hundredth birthday. This is indeed a milestone in history and I will be looking forward to the "Centennial Celebration" and the "Centennial Book" of the Bluffs Times.

Respectfully yours,  
/s/ Robert E. Walsh, Mayor  
Versailles, Illinois

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The Citizens of Bluffs  
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Box 335  
Bluffs, Illinois 62621  
Dear Citizens:

Congratulations to an outstanding village on its one-hundredth birthday! It is with pride that the Office of Educational Service Region, Scott County, pays tribute to the many contributions made by the members of the community, especially in educational matters.

The quality of education offered to the children of Bluffs today represents a drastic change from that of one hundred years ago. This development is due in no small part to the interested citizens who have been alert to the needs of their area.

I am pleased to offer my best wishes for the future.

Yours truly,  
/s/ Dale V. Pittenger  
Superintendent  
Educational Service Region  
Scott County-Winchester, Illinois

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Congratulations to the fine Village of Bluffs, and the very fine citizens of Bluffs on your one-hundredth birthday.  
/s/ Ira Taylor  
County Supervisor of Assessments  
Winchester, Illinois 62694

The Citizens of Bluffs: Friends as fine as Bluffs folks don't often come one's way,  
And special times like Centennial's don't happen every day,  
And so this greeting is coming to extend A Happy Centennial

Celebration to my very special friends.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Frances Crabtree  
County Clerk and Recorder

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June 14, 1971

On behalf of the citizens of Scott County. Congratulations and continued success to the Village of Bluffs in its' Centennial Year.

Board of County Commissioners  
for Scott County.  
Harold J. Fearneyhough  
Carl L. Woodcock  
Kay Smith

## Bluffs Recognized as Centennial Village by House of Representatives

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 205

Offered by  
Representatives Rose, McClain, Corbett

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Bluffs, Illinois on the Celebration of its 100th Anniversary; and WHEREAS, Bluffs was founded in 1871 by Henry Oakes and has grown to a population of over 800; and WHEREAS, Although Bluffs is the second town in population and in volume of business in Scott County, it enjoys the distinction of being the youngest in years; therefore, be it RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we commend the Village of Bluffs on the Centennial year of its founding; that we extend to the citizens of Bluffs an invitation to carry on the good work of their founding fathers; and that a suitable copy of this preamble in resolution be forwarded to Mayor John Allen on behalf of the citizens of the Village of Bluffs, Illinois.

/s/ W. Robert Blair  
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/s/ Fredrick B. Selcke  
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